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SWEET FREEDOM.

There's a pure and crystal stream,
And its sparkling waters gleam.
As it hastens to the sunny vale below.
On its banks grow flowers bright,
Scarlet hued and snowy white.
Let no ruthless hand despoil them: let
them grow.

There's a ship tossed on the sea,
Tried as storm-tossed ships may be;
By a brave and skillful crew she is
manned.

Her flag will soon be sighted;
Loved ones be reunited.
Let her sail into the harbor; let her land.

There are birds in every tree,
Warbling out their notes so free, [spring.
Singing praise to God and nature in the
That the Winter storms are past;
That fair days are come at last.
Raise not a hand against them; let them
sing.

There are souls of priceless worth,
Of the noblest sons of earth,
That are struggling, ever struggling to
be free.

Look within. Oh, look and learn
The true Life Book's leaves to turn,
Which tell of all that man will ever be.

Look within, and you shall see,
That "he" who says "Come, follow me,"
Simply means the pure, the spotless life
within.

That life is peace and joy.
Its unfoldment will destroy
Ignorance, which is man's only sin.

Look within. You soon shall be
Where you can heed that "Follow me,"
And live as in the happy days of youth.
Read the Book of Life—the heart—
From its lessons ne'er depart. [Truth.
And worship at the sacred shrine of
Z. T. LANDES.

BORDERLAND

Remarkable Pianiste.

"She is the most wonderful child I ever met, and had I not heard her play I would not have believed what I had been told." Such was Ignace Paderewski's remark during his visit to San Francisco, apropos of the playing of little Phyllida Ashley, a tot of five and a half years, residing with her parents on East 23rd St., Oakland.

The remark means more because Paderewski was pestered to death while he was in San Francisco by the over-ambitious parents of precocious children. There was not an afternoon when the great pianist, tired out from his matinee, was not kept from one to two hours listening to these piano-playing children, until his soul was weary within him. Sometimes the children played at the numbers for which Paderewski is most famous himself, but he was obliged to grind his teeth and endure. He was, however, frank. He warned many of them that they would never be piano-players. To others he held out slight hopes, but of Phyllida Ashley he was enthusiastic.

At one of his concerts at the California Theater Paderewski was told of the little Oakland girl. The great pianist was very skeptical, but, with his usual politeness, he said he would listen. As he named no time or place, Phyllida's friends concluded that Paderewski wanted to hear no more of the child, but in this they were mistaken. On his return from San Jose he expressed a desire to hear the baby play on the piano, and one Sunday evening she was brought to him.

Paderewski lifted the child on to the stool and allowed her to use his cherished piano. The child played an air and sang, but this was merely an introduction. The little fingers, with wonderful dexterity and feeling, rendered the Lohengrin "Wedding March," and while she did so Paderewski became intensely interested. He passed from the room and returned with a bonbon, but the little girl declined it very quietly and proceeded with "Der lieben langen Tag."

At its finish the master hugged her and kissed her, and begged her to play something else. Phyllida, all from memory, played "Marching Through Georgia," but this did not interest Paderewski until she rendered it in the minor, when he exclaimed: "Marvelous! What is this?" and again kissed the little player.

The ensuing effort was the rendition of the waltz from Weber's "Invitation to the Dance." Phyllida played this according to the interpretation of Rosenthal and De Pachmann, and when it was over, Paderewski took her in his arms and walked around his salon with her, smothering her with kisses. In answer to his questions he learned that the child had been able to play when two years old. "Impossible," said Paderewski; but when he saw a photograph of the infant at the piano taken over three years ago, he accepted the proof, and said that her attitude there showed that she was born to be wedded to a piano.—*Examiner.*

FLEET F. STROTHER.



Fleet F. Strother, who was a prominent figure in San Francisco municipal affairs for many years, has passed to spirit-life.

Mr. Strother came to San Francisco in 1864, accompanied by his wife. Soon after his arrival he engaged in business as a stock broker. In the years when the shares of the Comstock mines were booming, Mr. Strother accumulated a considerable fortune. At the same time he was devoting himself to literary pursuits and the study of the law, so that when the market began to show signs of weakness he was able to retire from the field of speculation and enter practice as an attorney. He was three times elected Supervisor and served three terms as City Auditor.

Mr. Strother was in ill health for several months, and a severe attack of pneumonia ended his physical life. He leaves a widow, but no children. He was a native of Washington, D. C., aged 61 years.

True and conscientious Spiritualists, Mr. and Mrs. Strother have for many years been faithful investigators of the philosophy and phenomena of Modern Spiritualism. Their home on Bush St. has been the scene of many spirit manifestations, and eloquent orators have been their guests.

Wonderful Memory.

Gertie Cochrane is a little girl 9 years old, who lives in Mount Vernon, Ill. She has a wonderful memory, which has puzzled all the doctors who know her, for they cannot understand how so young a child can manage to keep so much knowledge in her little brain. Gertie began to walk when only 7 months old, and when 10 months old could talk as well as most children do when they are two years of age. She remembers every new word mentioned in her hearing, and day by day gathered up the knowledge which she now possesses. She answers instantly and from memory thousands of difficult questions relating to a great variety of subjects.

She can give the population of all the large cities of the world, dates of discoveries, inaugurations, political history, dates of great battles, with generals officiating and numbers killed and wounded; national debts of all nations, including the United States, and can give its exact size every year since the time of George Washington. She states the financial history of world's fairs, including the great Chicago World's Fair. She names the Presidents and Vice-Presidents, giving them in order, both backward and forward; the Kings and Queens of foreign nations, capitals of all States and nations of the earth, and her knowledge of Bible history, dates, events and the like is remarkable.

When making her instant reply to any difficult question, her bright eyes sparkle with fun, and her winsome, childish ways are endearing to all who know her. In appearance Gertie is of slender form, has oval features and auburn hair that curls in a sunny mass over a shapely head. She is a thorough child, lavishing a wealth of tender affection on an ordinary doll, and she enters into the pleasures of childhood with keen enjoyment.

There is no Death.

WILLIAM E. BONNEY.

In all ages, and all countries of the world, among all conditions and classes of people, a belief has been very prevalent that another life is in store for human beings, after casting off the tenement of clay and becoming free from earth's environments. It is probable that no race of people ever existed who were too low in the scale of progression as to be entirely devoid of hope in the possibility of living in some form or other after the change called death. But something in human nature has always demanded a proof of such a life, and a glimpse of the unseen world to satisfy them of there being such a

life and such a world. This something has come from the spiritual nature of men and women, which ever seeks to overcome the material. It is the inner divine consciousness asking for truth, asking for light and knowledge upon this all-important question.

Unfortunately, the great mass of the human family are so engrossed in the material wants and cares of their earthly existence that they allow their material desires to have the supremacy over the spiritual; their spiritual natures are allowed to starve for want of spiritual truth and knowledge, and yet there is in every person—no matter how indifferent they may appear to be—a divine spark from the great infinite soul of the universe, which some time or other will try to make itself felt in the individual's life. That divine spark is an unquenchable fire, a spark from the eternal creative life forces of the universe, and it will make itself felt to every person sooner or later. It may lie dormant for years; it may seem to be almost crushed out by material prosperity and the grosser needs of the physical body; but some time or other, when a dear relative or friend passes out of that individual's life, then that spark will make itself felt and demand recognition. Then when the loss of that relative or friend is keenly felt, the spiritual nature will demand food of a spiritual kind. The questions which will arise and demand an explanation are such as these: "Where is my friend? Is the grave the final end and goal of all human aspirations, hopes and labor? Are we all simply perishable material manifestations which come upon the scene of action, the earth-life, and then after awhile drop into oblivion?"

Is there another world, a spiritual world; another life, a spiritual life; another body, a spiritual body? Where shall we go to have these questions answered? Is there any way by which the misty veil of the future can be at least partially torn aside and our eyes, ears and other organs of sense satisfied of future life? To all these questions the answer comes: "Prove all things, and hold fast that which is good." But how are we going to prove? The answer comes: By the development of your spiritual natures. Take the advice of St. Paul to the Corinthians: "Cultivate charity and desire spiritual gifts." In other words, have charity in your souls for those who have thoroughly investigated this matter. Then do as they have done—cultivate your spiritual powers, investigate spiritual manifestations, read up and educate yourself in the spiritual philosophy.

Give your loving friends upon the spirit side of life a chance to return to you. By refusing to investigate spirit manifestations and by neglecting to cultivate your spiritual powers, you shut the door and refuse to admit those who desire to show their continued love for you, and who are trying to prove to you that they still live and take an interest in your welfare.

If you were to go to a strange city and you had friends in that city whom you wished to communicate with, but they refused to answer your knock at the door, how would you feel? How must our spirit friends feel when they come to our homes and lovingly try to impress us in some way with their presence and we turn a deaf ear to them? We refuse to listen to their knocks for admission by

ignoring mediumship, by ignoring family circles for investigation.

A properly-conducted family circle is the most sacred, as well as the most pleasing institution on earth. There broken families can be reunited, the spirit members uniting with those who are still in the flesh.

There, love is shown to be continuous as well as life, and the door of communication between the two worlds kept regularly opened. But someone will ask: How can we open this door? By what means can we be made conscious of our loved one's presence? The answer comes: By the development of the spiritual faculties, the same as we are made cognizant of the presence of material things by the organs of physical sense. Spirit communication with mortal can be demonstrated in so many ways, and new phases of mediumship are constantly showing forth, therefore it is impossible to clearly enumerate all. But a few of the principal phases of mediumship will be explained briefly.

Mediumship, or the development of powers for spiritual communication, consists of two distinct classes termed, mental mediumship and physical mediumship. The principal mental phases are those of clairvoyance, a power of clear seeing, by which the presence of spirit friends is made known, and by which descriptions may be given of such friends. Then comes clair-audience, or clear hearing, a power which enables the possessor to catch sounds of names and messages from the unseen visitors. But these powers in different persons assume different forms and can only be explained by those possessing them, and sometimes it is a matter of extreme difficulty for mediums themselves to make themselves or their phase of mediumship understood. Then there are the phases of inspirational speaking, writing, music, painting and other powers, which prove outside help from higher intelligences. Impressions, dreams, visions, automatic writing, trance mediumship and many other forms of a mental character.

There are probably but a very few families in which some kind of mental mediumship could not be developed if they would give the subject a reasonable amount of time and attention, and much pleasure and satisfaction would come to them from such development.

Besides the mental phases of mediumship already mentioned, there are a number of manifestations which come under the head of physical mediumship. Among those most commonly produced are the moving of tables, furniture and other objects by a power beyond that of the sitters; raps which respond to questions given by those present. Then independent voices are sometimes heard; also telegraphic raps which give intelligent communication to those who understand the telegraphic code; musical instruments which float through the air, at the same time keeping time and tune with those present who sing familiar tunes. Again, there is the very convincing phase of receiving independent slate-writing in broad daylight; also occasionally the wonderful phenomena of materialization where the previously unseen visitor takes on a temporary material appearance visible to all present.

Surely this is a grand work and worthy of our best thought and most earnest effort, to so develop the latent spiritual powers which

are our divine birthright and inheritance, that we may be able to satisfy ourselves of the presence of our angel visitors, and demonstrate to a world of sorrow-stricken mourners that life is continuous and fear of the grave has been swallowed up in victory. And then above and beyond all these manifestations which prove to us the certainty of a life beyond the confines of earthly existence, we have the opportunity of gaining knowledge of our future from those whose experience in the spirit-life enables them to become teachers to those who still inhabit earthly tabernacles.

This knowledge can be gained in no other way but by coming in touch with our friends who have had actual experience. Then why should we hesitate about commencing our investigations? Why not avail ourselves of the opportunity to come into communication? Many difficulties may present themselves at first; mistakes may occur, as in all the avenues for gathering knowledge; but if we will be patient, if we will perseveringly investigate, the door of knowledge will be opened unto us. Wisdom will be given, which is far above the price of rubies, and a satisfaction will come to us which can be gained in no other way. We shall add to our faith, knowledge; we shall know, "There is no death; what seems so is transition."—*Republican*.

Ohio Convention.

The Ohio State Spiritualist Association held its annual convention at Columbus, opening on May 23, Hon. E. W. Bond in the chair. Among those present were Hon. Harrison D. Barrett, president of the National Association, and Dr. J. M. Peebles of Battle Creek, Mich.

Mayor Samuel Swartz gave an address of welcome. He humorously referred to the fact that while acting as Police Judge, not having, to his knowledge, a Spiritualist before him for trial during his entire term. "His Honor" took his seat amid a round of applause.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held in Cleveland in October, at the same time as the national convention. At this assemblage the place for the next annual session will be decided upon. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Thomas A. Black, Cleveland; vice-president, W. V. Nicum, Dayton; second vice-president, C. H. Mathews, New Philadelphia; secretary, John C. Hemmeter, Cleveland; treasurer, Carrie Firth Curran, Toledo; delegates—W. J. Hull, Columbus, and G. B. Gould, Cleveland; alternates—Mrs. Zetta L. Eise, Cleveland, and Cora Folsom, Toledo; trustees—J. B. Townsend, Lima; E. A. Kibby, Columbus; E. W. Bond, Willoughby, and H. H. Baxter, Ashley.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of this association make an effort at the next session of the State Legislature to have enacted, a measure making it a misdemeanor to practice mediumship in the State of Ohio for pay, unless such persons possess a certificate of indorsement from the officers of the Ohio State Spiritualists' Association as to their worthiness, etc.

Resolved, That we are in favor of all reforms, either temporal or spiritual.

Resolved, That "every person should have the privilege of select-

ing his or her own physician, and therefore, we are opposed to the effort being made to enact so-called medical laws at the dictation of the medical fraternity."

"We believe that Church and State should be kept separate; therefore, we deplore all attempts to engraft the word 'God, Christ or Christian' upon the Constitution of the United States."

"That we extend our cordial sympathy to the struggling masses of other countries, as well as our own, in their efforts to achieve larger liberty, a better chance to earn an honest living, thereby to better their condition socially, morally and physically."

"That we are in favor of taxing church property and are opposed to all Sunday laws that are based upon the idea that it is God's holy day."

The ninth section of the resolution reads: "That we hail with joy the rising sentiment in favor of universal peace, manifested at the inception of the recent Peace Congress at The Hague, recognizing thereby peaceful operation between individuals and nations."

The Gist of Philosophy.

J. P. COOKE.

The earth life is only the shadow of the life or careers to come. The spirit ego is like Tennyson's "Brook":

For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever, ever.
I go on forever.

Up the eternal cycles of being, man is drawn by the Inner Light of life, if love be his attraction. For—

In love, if love be love, if love be ours,
Faith and unfaith can ne'er be equal powers:
Unfaith in aught is want of faith in all.
It is the little rift within the lute,
That by and by will make the music mute,
And ever widening, slowly silence all."

The lack of faith in our own essential being is a great misfortune, for then we lack the courage to make the truth of our souls known to men and to declare the ever-presence of that Inner Light and Soul Love which wells up in us under the forms of consciousness.

John G. Fichte, the great German idealist, well taught that there is an eternal life, or divine idea, permeating this visible universe, which visible universe is, indeed, but its symbol and sensible manifestation, having in itself no real meaning or even true existence independent of it. It is literally held together by this over-informing power of light, life and idea. To the mass of men this idea lies hidden unknown, often unsuspected, and yet to discern and seize it is the aim of all vital philosophy. To live wholly in it is really the condition of all genuine knowledge and freedom, and is the end of all spiritual and psychic effort in every age with all spiritually-advancing minds.

This view of the universe has such a mass of scientific demonstration and of philosophic and spiritualistic or psychical generalization in its favor that it is coming to be accepted on purely rational grounds, by thoughtful people.

All creation proceeds from the Inner Soul or Spiritual Sun-sphere. The material and spiritual worlds are formed from substances which flow from the Inner light and constitute spheres around it, but perfectly distinct from it. As these substances recede from the Central Life they become less active, their

substances combine and form a grosser substance. A spiritual substance becomes a material substance in its purest form, and this continues to combine and to become denser, grosser and less active until it is inert in outer darkness. It is as though we could follow the circulations of the Infinite, from the heart of being to the confines of granulated darkness in the outer material shell and back again as conscious souls, to the very core of life.

As the noble inspiration of Mrs. Lizzie Doten has versed it:

Eternal self-existent soul! [start;
From whom Life's issues take their
Thou art the undivided whole
Of whom each creature forms a part.
God of the granite and the rose!
Soul of the sparrow and the bee!
The mighty tide of being flows [Thee!
Through countless channels, Lord, from
Its leaps to life in grass and flowers,
Through every grade of being runs,
Till, from Creation's radiant towers
Its glory flames in stars and suns.

Regenerated Force.

STELLA B.

From all portions of the physical globe gather elements of force, constructing and re-constructing the human organism, changing the form of organic matter to one of forceful and vibratory magnetism. Cultivated restraint habituates self to repel and overthrow such elements, until force and power become so strong as to perpetuate a material change by the law of self-government. With knowledge comes practice; with practice comes strength, and when the human, as an organic composition, is controlling element, all spiritual conditions are misunderstood, for the misunderstanding is limited to a natural survey. But, when the organism becomes sensitive to the change instituted by knowledge, all doubt regarding growth and acknowledged truth flees before the awakened faculties.

Thoughts, beautiful as the elements that created them, are received through channels fitted to their form, and, when moulded to the understanding, are pictured images of the thinker. Mind does the work; spirit originates the force, and soul impresses the beauty. Thus, when thought is propelled through space by magnetic batteries it carries a part of the individual force and form of the originator.

Men do not consider waste of strength as a part of the economic system of nature; but from out of their store-house of force, each thought carelessly handled gives them strength as thinkers, when, if it was carefully considered, it would give greater light to the understanding and more force to the organism. Man, as a part of nature's law, is his own creative factor. Out of personal power can he gather a rich harvest of force or create a space of vitality, where every atom of life can be swallowed by the more forceful element of organic matter. Thus his spiritual vitality becomes subservient to the power of modinized force, each element giving less power for future development and creating a self-interest in his present surroundings, making man but man in the abstract, while his force is constantly deteriorating and the soul lies dormant.

Mind is controlling element that becomes a shadowy substance and but the essence of a greater "what might have been." Therefore, man has need to economize his strength and force. Not to idle thought

away, but become an active participator in the thought-fields, giving, as he receives, full value and adding to the world's growth a grand factor in its creativeness.
Linn Creek, Mo.

Live One Day at a Time.

Every day is a fresh beginning;
Every morn is a world made new.
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
Here is a beautiful hope for you.
A hope for me, and a hope for you.

All the past things are past and over—
The tasks are done, and the tears are shed.

Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover;
Yesterday's wounds, which smarted and bled,
Are healed with the healing which
night has shed.

Let them go, since we can not relieve them;
Can not undo, and can not atone.

God in His mercy receive, forgive them;
Only the new days are our own.
To-day is ours, and to-day alone.

Here are the skies all burnished brightly;
Here is the spent earth all reborn;
Here are the tired limbs springing lightly,
To face the sun and to share the morn,
In a chrism of dew and the cool of a dawn.

Every day is a fresh beginning;
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain,
And, spite of old sorrow and older sinning,
And puzzles forecasted and possible pain,
Take heart with the day, and begin again.
RALPH WALDO TRINE.

"Words That Burn."

LIDA B. BROWNE.

It may be of interest to your readers to learn that a psychic novel from my pen is now being published and will soon be on sale at all Liberal book-stores. It can also be ordered through the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL or direct from me.

I have been assisted, in its production by invisible intelligences, who seek to give psychic truths to the masses in novel form, and in object lessons that will be more readily understood by the young than in long treatises or in lectures. I feel no hesitancy in saying that it is a book anyone can recommend to their neighbor after perusing, place in the hands of the young or ask skeptics to read. It is thoroughly constructive and antagonizes no system of religion, but points out the higher thoughts on life both here and in the spirit realms.

The title is "Words That Burn," and the book shows the effect in spirit-life of angry words and wrong deeds done in earth-life. It gives lofty ideals; sets high standards of living; upholds many reforms of the day; shows the effect of mind over the body, and how true love triumphs over all obstacles. The happy home and the presence therein of joyous, healthy children are features which, coupled with the romances of both young and old, make interesting reading for all, no matter of what age.

The scenes are laid in the south of France, in London and at the country home of the Percivals in Somersetshire, England. There are also ocean voyages and scenes in New York City, on the Hudson, in Chicago and Denver. The reader is also taken in the story to the top of Pike's Peak, and down in a mine. The description of the country, as well as the psychic experiences, are vividly told, and the characters appear to the reader as living, breathing people.

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New York State Convention.

The third annual Convention of the New York State Association of Spiritualists was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11, 12 and 13, in Syracuse, New York, and was a complete success in every sense of the word. The election of officers which took place at this time resulted in the unanimous re-election of the whole board, and is as follows:

Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, president, Westfield, N. Y.; W. Wines Sargent, vice-president, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, second vice-president, Troy, N. Y.; Herbert L. Whitney, secretary, 953 Madison St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. W. Richardson, treasurer, East Aurora, N. Y.; Dr. E. F. Butterfield, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mrs. Sarah Comstock-Ellis, Auburn, New York; E. G. Reilly, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mrs. Laura A. Holt, West Potsdam, N. Y.

We were favored with the services of the Sunshine Quartette, who sang the spiritual songs of J. P. Longley. Our list of speakers was as follows:

Hon. James Townsend of Columbus, Ohio; Willard J. Hull of Columbus, Ohio, editor of the *Light of Truth*; Prof. Harrison D. Barrett of Boston, Mass., editor of *Banner of Light*; Rev. Moses Hull of Buffalo, N. Y.; D. P. Dewey, president of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association; Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Westfield, N. Y.; Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Troy, N. Y.; W. Wines Sargent, Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. W. Richardson, East Aurora, N. Y.; Mrs. Elizabeth Brewer, Belmont, New York; Mrs. S. Comstock-Ellis, Auburn, N. Y.; Dr. E. F. Butterfield, Syracuse, N. Y.; H. L. Whitney, Brooklyn, N. Y.

One of the most impressive and interesting services that took place was the ordination of our State missionary, Mrs. Elizabeth Brewer, as a minister of the gospel of Spiritualism.

Spirit messages were given by Mrs. Maggie Waite of San Francisco, Cal., and Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds.

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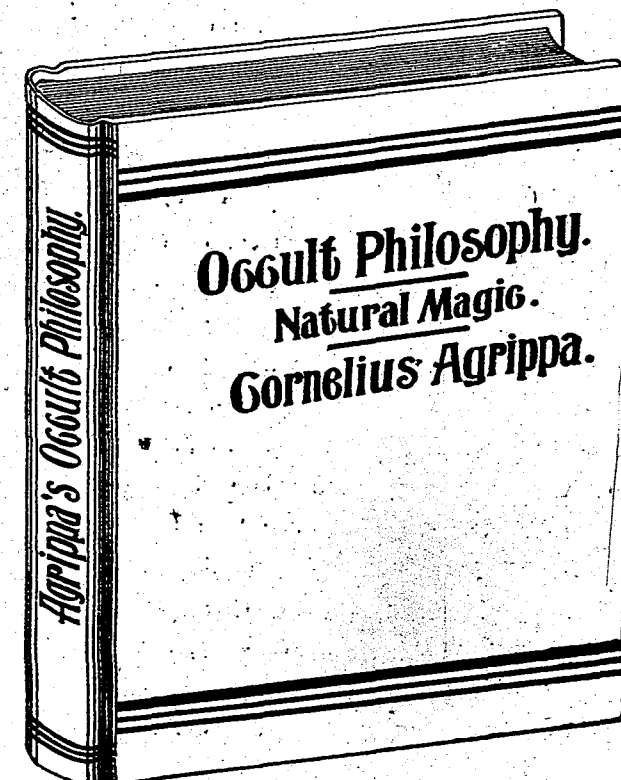
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Herbert Spencer tells us that the force which is manifested in the universe around us is the same force as that which wells up in ourselves under the form of consciousness. Identity, then, exists between our inner life—ourselves—and the inner life—the unisual force of the universe around us.

Will Force.—Alfred Russell Wallace, in his "Limits of Natural Selection as Applied to Man," says:

All force is probably will-force. If, therefore, we have traced one force, however minute, to its origin in our own will, while we have no knowledge of any other primary cause of force, it does not seem an improbable conclusion that all force may be will-force.

A Reformation Promised.

Rev. E. E. Patton, a prominent young Christian minister of Toledo, Ohio, made a terrible onslaught upon ministers and churches generally, in an address delivered at Burts Opera House recently. He condemns the practice of the churches more than he does that of the outside world, and advises the people to have no faith at all in them. "Mark my words," he said, "there will be a reformation that will shake the religious world to its foundations. Isms and schisms will be parts of a broken parachute."

Anniversary.—Dr. J. M. Peebles and Mrs. A. E. Sheets are engaged to officiate at the 43rd anniversary of the Harmonial Society of Spiritualists, which occurs Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, at Sturgis, Mich.

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Self-Reliance.

Mrs. L. E. Rader, in Lucy A. Mallory's monthly gem of "New Thought," offers a suggestion which is worthy of consideration by those who are seeking a solution of social and economic problems:

Instead of wasting time in politics and political reforms, which is like attempting to stay a mighty tide, let us teach humanity to be self-respecting. Let us begin with the little ones, by teaching self-reliance. Let us inculcate the idea that life is not a struggle, with all the odds against them, but, rather, that within each brain lies coiled a magnetic spring which can respond to every heart throb, every desire and every hope. Teach them that thought is the great battery which connects the outer and the inner life; which converts the ideal into the real; which gives us the strength to do and to be.

The New War.

Now that the best intellect of the age has condemned war as we have known it, there has been inaugurated a war in higher realms. The best thought on this subject has been expressed as follows:

The New Dispensation will be established by a war of mental and spiritual forces, in which the higher principles of brotherhood and love will triumph. Wars are destructive, not constructive. Their use is to clear away the rubbish (the fools) to prepare for the new order. Creosote guns, dumdum bullets and lyddite shells are not the weapons of New Dispensationists. Their armor consists of principles. Their weapons are ideas. Those who fail to understand this have not profited much by the teachings of the New Dispensation.

The Right Ring.

We have maintained that no reform has ever been accomplished by statutory law. The *American Advocate* of Minneapolis, Minn., expresses our sentiments in a short editorial:

Some good people think that the fraternal system will be ushered in by law. In this they are wrong if they refer to man-made law; right if they mean the natural law of growth and development. The fraternal system will begin whenever two or three get together and live a brotherly life. If they are faithful, others will join them. The group will become a dozen, then a score, then three score, then a hundred, then five hundred, then it will become contagious like the small-pox and whole towns and cities will be "down with it" at once. But they will never recover from it. The state will finally succumb, and it will then be discovered that it is—heaven on earth.

Destiny is Supreme.

The best thought of our day is expressed in these words. One of the very best of our spiritual exchanges gives expression to the following, which we heartily endorse:

We are guided by spiritual undercurrents in all our activities. And yet we are not automatons. It is

man's privilege to co-operate with, and actually direct the forces of nature, for man is the ever-destined ruler of all creation; he is God incarnate, the Life-principle individualized. We have nothing to fear. All experiences are valuable. And yet if we are wise we will endeavor to reach the goal of conscious oneness, for nothing else can satisfy the surging desires and love-currents of our being; oneness with all, universal consciousness; and the day of our deliverance from the long dream of separateness may be hastened by our faithful endeavor. The days go on; we are carried by the tide of destiny. The desires of man, like so many electric currents, carry him into the channels of experience which build him up. Oh, long march of existence!

The Question Answered.

We admire frankness, and will acknowledge that this editor of a "new thought" journal called the *Healer* has given expression to the real mental condition of the multitude of writers on occult subjects who have grasped one idea, and think they have a mental mortgage upon the universe.

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Mrs. Mary E. Whittemore.

From the *Banner of Light* we quote the following tribute to the memory of one who has been connected with the camp-meeting work of the East for many years, and who passed to spirit-life on May 10:

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Magnetists Organize.

The necessity for organization becomes more apparent every day. "United we stand, divided we fall," has been emblazoned upon our national escutcheon for more than

a century, and it would seem that it was about time for "liberals" to take the hint, as the Healers of Ohio have done, as related in the *Light of Truth*:

The magnetic healers of Ohio met, May 12, in convention at the Ohio Magnetic Institute, Columbus, to form a liberal non-medical scytopathic organization for the protection of its members against medical persecution and prosecution under and by what is known as the amended Love medical bill, passed by the late general assembly of Ohio. This amendment to the law regulating the practice of medicine in Ohio makes the broad sweep to eliminate all magnetic healers, faith curists, Christian Scientists, mental healers, osteopaths or any other mode of suggestive therapeutics for any bodily ailment.

The Reviewer.

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The American Monthly Review of Reviews for June is a well-illustrated number. The important news topics of the month are editorially treated in "The Progress of the World," the opening department. Dr. Albert Shaw, the editor, writes from full knowledge on "Paris and the Exposition of 1900." Mr. Cleveland Moffett writes on "Automobiles for the Average Man." There are also illustrated articles on Summer camps for boys, the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and the new fiction for Summer reading.

The Arena for June is received. Among its articles, the following are worthy of mention: "Christianity and Imperialism," Freeman Stewart; "England as an Ally," Prof. Edward Alsworth Ross; "Congress or Parliament?" Ewing Cockrell; "Evils of Trusts and Foolish Remedies," Joseph Dana Miller; "Puerto Ricans and the Constitution," George H. Smith. 25 cents. The Arena Company, "Life" Building, New York.

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Local News Summary.

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Benefit.—It is desired to call attention to a complimentary entertainment to be tendered to Mrs. R. Shepard Lillie, probably at Golden Gate Hall, on June 15. Definite arrangements will be announced next week. Mrs. Lillie has been untiring in her efforts in behalf of the Cause, and a mere announcement of this entertainment is all that will be necessary to insure its success. Among the features will be an excellent program, refreshments and dancing. Mrs. B. F. Small, Mrs. Winnifred Cole, Mrs. Jolly-Dygart and Mrs. Lilack, assisted by a number of other friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, have the affair in charge, which is a guarantee of its being carried to a successful and highly satisfactory culmination.

Ladies' Aid Social.—This popular society, of which Mrs. B. F. Small is president, held its regular monthly social dance in Occidental Hall, on Tuesday evening, May 29. There were a few vocal musical selections and literary productions, with the social dance and usual refreshments. These are popular parties and should not be missed by the Spiritualists of this vicinity.

New Aid Society.—On May 27, at 909 Market St., a society was organized, to be known as the First Spiritual Aid Society of San Francisco. The following officers were elected and installed: C. G. Collins, Pres.; W. T. Phelps, Sec.; Dr. C. H. RinEs, Treas.; Mrs. M. M. Maxwell, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. J. F. Green, Cor. Sec. The object of this society is to give aid to all mediums and members in sickness or distress.

The Mission Lyceum entertainment on Wednesday evening last was well attended, notwithstanding the fact of its being a national holiday. Every number on the printed program was artistically rendered and enthusiastically encored. Mrs. Susie A. Pracey furnished music for dancing. At 11:30 o'clock all went to their homes happy, having had an enjoyable evening. The next entertainment will be June 30. W. T. JONES.

C. F. Burgman of Seabreeze, Florida, has announced that he will be in San Francisco and Oakland from Aug. 8 to 10, and will deliver a series of lectures on Mental Science. Mr. Burgman is the secretary of the International Mental Science Association, and a speaker of rare ability. He was for many years Chief Keeper of Records for the Independent Order of Red Men, and is well known on this Coast.

A Circle of Harmony will be held in Mrs. F. A. Logan's rooms every Sunday evening at 1218 Railroad Ave., Bay Station, Alameda, Cal.

Cal. State Spiritualist Association.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Saturday evening, June 2, at the headquarters, 3322 17th St. Present: Vice-President Wm. Rider, Secretary W. T. Jones, Treasurer B. F. Small, Directors Mrs. R. I. Johnson and Mrs. H. E. Robinson. After the usual routine business, the Committee on Certificates recommended that no change be made in those now in use by the Association, which, on motion, was adopted.

The committee having charge of the Home Culture Club's movement reported a favorable outlook, which promises success and good results.

The Investigating Committee reported favorably on the applications of Mrs. C. E. Heywood, Mr. Wm. H. Davis and Mr. A. P. Merrill for Certificates of Endorsement and Protection, and Col. J. L. Dryden of San Diego, Cal., for Certificates of Ordination. On motion, the report was adopted and certificates issued.

The secretary reported having received notice of a new society recently organized at Soldiers' Home, in Southern California, which would soon apply for a charter and become an auxiliary member of the State Association.

The committee appointed to confer with the Board of Supervisors, in reference to the license tax as applied to mediums, made a partial report, and, on motion, the committee was continued and further time given to prosecute their work.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to convene on Saturday evening, June 16, at 3322 17th St. W. T. JONES, Sec.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum held its annual picnic on Wednesday, May 30, at Sausalito. The grove from the city south to the forts was lined with picnickers, and the day was perfect. They had swings for the little ones, plenty of excellent lunch for all, music on the violin and guitar by Mr. and Mrs. Corse, and no accidents or poison oak, so far as heard from. A wagon ride is now being talked of for the near future.

Our Lyceum session last Sunday was unusually interesting, our subject being "Home." Mr. Bowers of Massachusetts told the children of the "Old Oaken Bucket" and the well and the "mill that was near it," all being on the farm where he passed his childhood. We hope he will visit us often. C. H. WADSWORTH.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie is slowly convalescing from the nervous attack which prostrated her some weeks ago. Her many friends all over the country will be glad to hear of her improved condition, and their best thoughts will be sent out to her.

B. Fay Mills spoke on "The Social Problem" in Metropolitan Temple last Sunday evening. There was good music by a quartet, and the last of a series of lectures was best of all. There will be a new deal all around, with a permanent organization, and success seems to be assured.

Hermetic Brotherhood will not close its doors for Summer vacation, its open meetings continuing as usual. At the open meetings on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, the exercises are interesting and instructive. Seats free. It rarely happens that one spends an evening there without receiving one new thought. The talk by Dr. Phelon on Thursday, May 31, was upon "Healing Science." On Thursday evening, June 7, Robert R. Hill will give an illustrated lecture on Astrology, at 509 Van Ness Ave., at 8 o'clock.

Dr. W. P. Haworth has returned to Oakland, Cal., and will be welcomed by his many friends there. He is a public speaker and magnetic healer, and will resume his labors there for the present.

Mme. Young's Meeting in Oriental Hall was addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal. The music by Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell is always good, while the test work of Madame Young is unexcelled.

The Universal Spiritual Association at 20 Eddy St. continues popular, and last Sunday afternoon the meeting was particularly interesting. The music is always good and the management excellent.

Mrs. Wrenn's Meeting at 117 Larkin St. was addressed by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Cotter, as well as Mrs. Wrenn. The attendance was good last Sunday evening.

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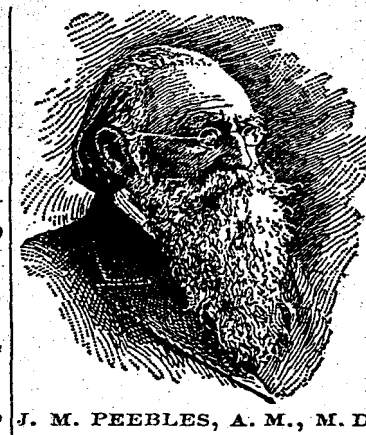
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A Word of Hope.

A dreamer dropped a random thought,
'Twas old and yet 'twas new;
A simple fancy of the brain,
But strong in being true.
The thought was small, the issue great,
A watch-fire on the hill;
It sheds its radiance far adown,
And cheers the valley still.
A nameless man, amid a crowd,
That thronged the daily mart,
Let fall a word of hope and love,
Unstudied from the heart.
A whisper on the tumult thrown,
A transitory breath;
It raised a brother from the earth,
It saved a man from death.
CHARLES MACKAY.

BORDERLAND.

Strange Premonition.

In the early days of the United States Military Academy at West Point, a cadet from Virginia, by name James Carter, was killed at the academy. His grandfather, Major Giddons, of Richmond, had such an overwhelming premonition that something was wrong with James that it threw him into a fatal fever.

A strange thing about premonitions and warnings is that sometimes they are useful in actually preventing calamity.—*Psychic Research.*

Peculiar Hypnotic Trance.

The following interesting circumstances were published recently in the Stockton, Cal., Mail:

For some time Dr. Foreman has been trying the effect of hypnotism upon Mrs. Briggs, who is of a nervous disposition. At first he was unable to get the lady under hypnotic control, but after three or four trials on different occasions, he succeeded fully. It was in the evening that the surprise came. Mrs. Briggs, who resides at the Gateway Building with her husband, Dr. D. D. Briggs, had been sleeping peacefully in a chair under hypnotic control, when suddenly she seemed to grow very nervous. Seeing this, the doctor was about to awaken her, when he was startled by hearing a voice with a slight Irish accent accost him. The conversation between the doctor and the alleged spirit that was speaking through Mrs. Briggs was taken down by both the doctor and Mr. Briggs in brief and was as follows:

"Good evening, Dr. Foreman."
"Good evening. What is your name?"
"Patrick Riordan."
"Where are you from?"
"I come now from the other side

of life, but when I was in the body San Francisco was my home."

"Have you any relatives living in San Francisco?"

"Yes, I have."

"Tell us who they are and where they live"

"There is Bridget, who is my wife; a son, Patrick Thomas, and a married daughter, who is now Mrs. John Benjamin Carere, and



June, lovely June, is emblematically represented by a profusion of flowers, as shown above. Beautiful flowers now adorn every place where Nature can put them, to attract all animate creation, by their rich hues and sweet perfume—and this reminds us of the beautiful lines which read thus:

Bee-kissed flowers, blooming in every place,
Through this beautiful world of ours,
And dear as a smile on an old friend's face,
Is the smile of the bright, bright flowers!

they live at No. 611 L street, south. My youngest daughter, Lizzie, died April 19, this year, and is here with me now. High mass was said over her remains, and she was buried at Calvary cemetery. My folks all belong to the Catholic church, and so did I. I want you to take a message to them for me, or write to them. I want you to tell them—and they won't believe it, but I

have an object in having you tell them—that there is nothing in the Catholic church, and to drop it.”

“How about the other churches?”

“There is nothing in any of the churches. The main thing in life is to do right, tell the truth, and live right, doing to others as you would be done by. Keep your thoughts good and pure and keep your mind clean. There is nothing in belonging to churches. If you will keep your thoughts right, everything will come out all right. Tell them that I am all right, and that Lizzie is all right and here with me.”

There was silence for a few seconds, and Dr. Foreman thought the owner of the voice had gone, and he remarked to Mr. Briggs:

“I guess he's gone. This is the most wonderful thing I ever heard of. I wonder if it's the truth.”

“No, I haven't gone,” spoke up the voice again, “and it is all true. I will never tell you a lie.”

That was the end of the interview, and Mrs. Briggs was awakened.

She was seen by a *Mail* reporter, and speaking of the phenomenon, she said: “When I was awakened by Dr. Foreman I knew nothing of what had transpired, and when they told me of it I was disposed to disbelieve them, thinking they were making up a little story. They had taken down the statements, however, and both seemed so sincere that I soon came to believe that they were telling me the truth. I have been in San Francisco but half an hour in my life, and do not know any of the streets, nor had I ever heard of Patrick Riordan and family. I am not a medium, and was never hypnotized by any one before Dr. Foreman met me. After coming out of control I was nervous for a few days. I cannot describe my feelings exactly, except to say that I was awed.”

Dr. Foreman states that on the day following the circumstance related in the foregoing, he dropped into the Wells-Fargo express office and hunted up the address given. He found that the names were as stated, but there was a mistake in the address. The so-called spirit had stated that it was 611 L street south, whereas the number in the Directory was 711. To learn whether it was a typographical error or such a mistake as any person might unwittingly make, Dr. Foreman wrote to a friend in San Francisco, acquainting him with the facts and asking him to call at the address, also calling his attention to the discrepancy in the number.

Friday, the day following the first communication, Dr. Foreman called upon Mrs. Briggs again, telling her that he desired to hypnotize her again, for the purpose of seeing whether a certain error would be corrected. He stated that he thought it would be a better test if he did not apprise her of the error. In a few minutes he had the lady under control again, and almost immediately the voice spoke up, as follows:

“I am here, doctor, and I know what the trouble is. You remember I told you I would never tell a lie. Well, I haven't. The number of the house is 611, as I told you. The mistake is in the Directory. I am here only for a moment, so I will say good-by.”

A few days later the doctor received a reply to the letter he had written his friend in San Francisco. It was stated in the letter that the writer had called upon the family and delivered the message, and he

stated further that all the statements of the alleged spirit were correct; that the house number was 611 instead of 711, as it appeared in the Directory. What reply the family made to the message was not stated in the letter.

Spring Hill Phenomena.

E. J. SHELLHOUS.

There was recently published a work unique in character and replete with the most vital truths of the spiritual philosophy, given independently by men now in spirit-life who made themselves eminent while on earth, and whose identity is made clear and undoubted, and whose reputation for integrity is beyond question.

That same band is now employed in the production of another book, as a sequel, which will be still more interesting, as it will illustrate life in the spirit-world and the effect of what is done in earth-life on that of the life beyond. Personal narratives and experiences in all conditions of life will be given, with numerous portraits of the actors, of scenes in spirit-life and pictures of architectural beauty and magnificence.

I wish I could impress upon the reader's mind, the *reality* and *significance* of these phenomena, for they are as real as our daily experience, and even more impressive. The messages come direct from the lips of the spirits, uttered in full, clear-toned voices, within a few feet of the circle, and in full view of all present, and direct from the pen in the hands of materialized spirits, while in plain sight of all in the room. There is no theory or guess-work about it; the whole proceedings are as real and palpable as any proceedings in ordinary life.

One spirit recently, in the presence of the entire circle, wrote over 600 words, while at the same time delivered a discourse on an entirely different subject, at the ordinary rate of speaking, of a little less than 600 words. His voice was clear and strong and his manuscript correctly written, in good style and properly punctuated.

From 15 to 30 forms appear at a single seance—males and females about equal in number, the former usually dressed in dark clothing, but their white shirt fronts and faces are clearly in view, while the old men show their white beard and hair, their bodies being less clearly outlined in consequence of the deepened twilight of the room. The females, however, are clothed in pure, dazzling white, which makes them clearly visible. They move gracefully along with apparent ease, and show unmistakably to the circle and visitors the pleasure they experience in making themselves visible and being recognized. During all these seances, the medium has not a thread of white clothing on him.

This is no fancy picture; it is a conscious, veritable *reality*, and whoever can realize the difference between that which is, and that which is imagined, is prepared to appreciate the force of a conscious fact. We are so in the habit of regarding statements without considering their vanity, that they make but little impression on us. If accepted, it is a mere intellectual assent, which leaves but little or no impression. In this way, many truths of vital importance are lost to the world.

It is safe to say, without making any comparisons, that

there is no other institution of like character in the world. It was for a number of years in process of organization in the name of the “Star Circle.” The picture of a five-pointed star about eight inches in dimensions, with fifteen portraits encircling it (none of which are given elsewhere), was drawn by the artist. Each member of the circle was called up and required to lay a hand on the box containing drawing paper, the entire time occupying about 15 minutes. It was given to understand that this band originated and controls the work now going on.

The only mortal employed in this work is the medium, W. W. Aber, who sits entranced during the seances, he being the instrument connecting the forces of the dwellers in the two worlds.

The idea of fraud or imposture is absurd. Those behind it and controlling it are unknown to mortals; not one of their names is given, while those spirits performing the work are well known. This excludes all motives of fraud. Besides, the writer of this is personally acquainted with every mortal concerned in it. They are all old residents of Spring Hill and have the reputation of undoubted veracity and integrity. A number of former residents, well known to the citizens of this place, some of whom were church members, having died, have materialized in these seances, and been recognized by the members of the circle, and whose portraits, drawn by the spirit artist, have been recognized by their townsmen, but who “don't believe in Spiritualism.”

While many are eagerly reading ghost stories and gleaning what evidence of immortality they can from them, or hunting for tests, let them come here, or send an accredited agent and take notes, to their entire satisfaction. No one, as yet, has ever gone away dissatisfied—no one can, if he seeks the truth.

The medium willingly submits to any test that will satisfy an intelligent person. I have seen the bottom of his pantaloons firmly sewed to the carpet, his coat collar tightly fastened around his neck, the cuffs of his coat sleeves stitched to the knees of his pantaloons, and his hands filled with rice or oatmeal; all done by a critical investigator just before the seance began, and when closed, he was found precisely in the same condition as when it began.

Spring Hill, Kansas.

Universal Unity.

Under the head of the Law of Periodicity, we called attention to the fact that the human mind in its ultimate concepts had come around in a circle to the point which it occupied at the dawn of written history. The repetition of these concepts, whether they be true or false, all teach the same lesson, of Periodicity in the operations of the human mind that we find prevailing, so far as discovered, in all departments of the visible universe. But it is not the fallacies, but the self-evident truths which are of vital importance, in the solution of the great problem of the ages, which we propose to point out more especially in this article.

Man has been called the microcosm of the universe, because in him has been incarnated all the lower forms of life, which, according to the teachings of modern science, preceded his advent as the

head of organic nature. He is therefore the fruitage of countless ages of development, and, as he exists to-day, is the embodiment of living self-consciousness on this planet. This self-consciousness must have proceeded from the universal self-consciousness which was involved in the source from whence he came. Hence, as a self-conscious being, his individual self-consciousness, as far as it goes, must be co-existent with the source from whence it was derived, and therefore we not only have a future, but an unending existence.

All the signs of the times seem to indicate that we are at the end of one great cycle of human progress and at the beginning of another. All lines of honest investigation and philosophic thought seem to be converging at a Common Center. Materialistic philosophy teaches that Matter is the Source of all things—and we ask: What is Matter—from whence did it come and whither does it go? Herbert Spencer tells us that it proceeds from an Infinite Eternal Energy and that it is returning to the source from whence it came. Spiritual or religious philosophy teaches that all things come from Spirit, and we ask: What is Spirit? We are told that it is the invisible world of great potential forces—of Universal Spirit from whence all things come, and to which all things must return.

Now, what is the difference between the Infinite Eternal Energy of the materialist and the Infinite Eternal Spirit to which believers in a spiritual existence have been calling the attention of their followers in every age of the world, while both fill the same place and perform the same functions in the economy of the universe? Both of these lines of thought, carried out to their ultimate conclusions, are one and the same thing, performing the same functions at the same time, in the same manner and culminating at the same point. It follows, therefore, as a logical sequence, that the difference between these two concepts having been removed, that in this doctrine of the absolute unity of the universe of Matter, Mind and Spirit, we have found the Common Center at which all lines of honest investigation are converging.

A creed of any kind, held otherwise than as a mere hypothesis, to be changed just as soon as the discovery of additional facts and more correct modes of reasoning may warrant, may be regarded as merely a badge of slavery. Any creed that is held to be something that is sacred and unchangeable, naturally places a limit to human progress by establishing metes and bounds beyond which we dare not go. Such a creed is, in its essential character, a compact or agreement between those who accept it as an ultimatum, that they will never accept any truth that may be discovered that does not harmonize with their preconceived opinions which are crystallized in their tenets, forms and ceremonies. This is true, in reference to all man-made creeds, whether religious, political, scientific or relating to any other field of human thought and activity. It thus impedes all progress towards the Common Center of absolute unity which will secure the greatest good to all.

We thus learn that the creed itself, which is accepted as a finality, actually defeats the very object which it was intended to secure; and in order that we may continue to grow towards an intelligent

unification of human power and wisdom for the gratification of laudable human aspirations and the welfare of our common humanity, we must at frequent intervals either revise or abandon our creeds, in order to preserve a healthy growth towards a higher life.—*Equity.*

In Spirit Realms.

DR. R. A. DAVIS.

It has long been my wish to see the different spheres in spiritual life, and one day my astral started and traveled very swiftly through the air upward until I could see the earth spread about below me like a vast panorama. Suddenly I stopped, then moved forward a few steps and found myself standing upon what appeared to be a vast undulating plane covered with verdure which resembled grass, but on close inspection I found the whole to consist of a magnetic nebulae of such a density as to actually resemble earth and grass. There were no trees or other foliage to be seen in this sphere.

I saw when I first arrived countless thousands of spirits standing about being instructed by teachers from the higher spheres. There was a spirit of a high order that seemed to be the superintendent, and which spoke to me, saying: "We were expecting you." Seeing my keen interest and that I understood what was going on around me, he answered my thoughts aloud. I noticed that all these spirits seemed to be governed by what is termed hypnotic power; and as I stood looking on this vast concourse, I heard a rushing as of wind, and turning, I saw spirits rapidly descending from above, to their loved ones on earth that urgently needed them.

I now looked upward, and saw what appeared to be a dark cloud. I thought to myself, another sphere, and the spirit that first welcomed me said: "Yes." He now said to me: "You can go on at your desire and explore the different spheres." I soon took my departure upward, exploring the different spheres as I went along, and found that from the barren first sphere the foliage and flowers kept increasing, until I reached the seventh, when I beheld a wondrous sight of flowers, trees and verdure surpassing tropical growth in beauty, and I found that I could pass my hand through a tree as easily as I could the air. In fact, all things were composed of this magnetic nebula, without any material or earthly substance about it.

I saw Moses and some of the other historical characters here, and they were all busy studying and teaching from books that were composed of this magnetic nebula, and these things were all brought about, or into existence, as a cloud is formed in the sky. In the seventh sphere I found a loved one that left the material body several years ago. She was engaged in needle-work of a fine texture. This sphere was a veritable garden of Eden. There is no sowing or reaping, or working at the different trades or professions, as some teach; neither are there any printing presses or papers published there.

I saw books formed while there, in the same manner that a spirit produces a mantle in materializing seances. The spirits study all things pertaining to earth-life to enable those in earth-life to progress, if they will, by impressions,

or spiritual guidance, but they do not actually practice them. When the spirit leaves the material body it has no solid substance to keep alive.

Maitland, Mo.

From the N. S. A. Office.

TO THE EDITOR:

The N. S. A. is planning for future benefits—through its instrumentality—to the glorious cause of Spiritualism. The Mayer Fund is slowly increasing, and we trust that it will soon be filled; that the Association may not only have this Home, but also a treasury from which to draw for the furtherance of the work of reform and progress. A recent suggestion from Brother Cole of Michigan, that the working people of the United States who are Spiritualists who cannot afford to give more, create a "Labor fund" for the N. S. A. Home, and each send 20 cents to this office for that fund, is meeting with good response; we are daily receiving contributions to this fund. We are grateful for dimes or dollars, and all help to swell the fund, and to bring the Home nearer the N. S. A.

We are in receipt of a pretty donation to the Home Fund, that we ask our friends to help us to dispose of for the benefit of the Home. It is a contribution of several hundred copies of a pretty booklet—daintily gotten up, and entitled "Violets"—of poems, of much sweetness and merit.

They are printed and presented to the N. S. A. by Mrs. H. Straub of Syracuse, N. Y., in loving memory of her ascended son. We sell these books at 25 cents per copy, at this office, two cents extra by mail. We trust all who read these lines will secure a copy, and help the Cause, while gaining a full equivalent to their money in the pretty work.

Our fraternal greetings go to all the friends.

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[We hope that every one of the readers of this notice will send at once at least 20 cents, as suggested above, to the Secretary, Mrs. Longley, and thus complete the amount necessary to secure this Home for the N. S. A.—Ed.]

The Garden of Eden.

W. P. PHELON, M. D.

We are at a loss to know what is meant by the "Garden of Eden." That wonderful garden which contained everything that man could need or desire, and in which he was shut up. There is no mention made of there being any way of escape from it. Man (Adam) was placed there to take care of it. What does it mean?

Looking at it from my standpoint, it is a mystical symbol. It is something else than a veritable garden. The whole symbology is intended as something to which man may attain through unfoldment.

The whole book of Genesis (the beginning) is a curious one. It begins nowhere, and without time. Its opening sentence might have meant untold millions of years, before the writing of that wonderful phrase, "In the Beginning." It was evident man should have some hint of his past, but only through symbols, simply because the Ancients had bound themselves, be-

fore the records were written, to hide their knowledge. I am not making an attack on the records. There is nothing, at present known, that can be put in the place of the records. I am attacking the interpreters, the Scribes and Pharisees. I take it there was really a long lapse of time between the first two centuries. They hold wonderful stories of wisdom for our finding and unfolding.

In the statement: "God saw all was good that he had made," why was it necessary to see if everything was good? God being omnipotent and perfect, how could anything he had made be otherwise than perfect? He makes a garden in Eden, and puts man therein, with everything for his use and comfort. Instead of pleasure, man's trouble commences at once. All that should have been for the perfecting of man, went wrong, turning to bad, instead of good. A cypher in the key must have dropped out in that portion of the record, and it fails of proper interpretation.

It speaks, in peculiar phrasing, of a river that flowed through the garden. It was parted, and became into four heads. It does not say four branches, or that it flowed out of the garden, but out of Eden. It encompasses different parts. Eden, cabalistically considered, means two—separation; the garden was intended for separating, or cutting apart. Man was placed in it. Man was that part of manifestation which came down, to know weakness. How could he know weakness, unless by touching matter?

We have mistaken the fantastic imaginings of these wise old mystics. Instead of being a garden, it was man's material body. The I AM in the body is that beautiful garden which came from God's hands perfect. There could be nothing more beautiful. There are four currents dealing with us constantly—magnetic, electric, etheric and auric. The Garden of Eden is the perfected life.

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Wireless Telegraphy.—In the June number of *Harmony*, a semi-monthly published at Ponca City, Okla., will be printed the first message, transmitted in the Morse alphabet over a distance of 1,500 miles, on Pearson's new system of Universal Wireless Telegraphy.

The Human Will.—The last and highest word of science is that this one force which is manifested in the universe is will-force, like our own, and exercised by a power identical with that which is manifested in us under the form of consciousness. Now this goes a pretty long way toward establishing—on the foundation of rational knowledge—the affirmation of the spiritual philosophy, that our inner life is the same substance and idea as the life of the Cosmos.

The Famine in India.—Mr. Geo. E. Buell, a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Rochester, N. Y., has written a pamphlet entitled "A Study of the Cause and True Remedy of the Yearly Famines in India." He lays all the trouble to British misrule, and shows that the agricultural resources of the country are adequate to supply all the wants of the people. He gives statistics and figures, which, if true, should be heeded.

State Conventions.—The spiritual press of this country is full of news of State Conventions and camp-meetings. This is a good sign and shows the steady growth of the Cause. Already California Spiritualists are beginning to plan for the coming convention in San Jose, which is expected to be the largest and best in the history of the State.

Don't forget the Mayer Fund.

A Forward Step.

Our esteemed contemporaries, the *Progressive Thinker* and *Light of Truth*, have ceased to throw intellectual stones, and have clasped hands for constructive work. The RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL joins with all Spiritualists in expressions of gratification at the good feeling existing among the spiritual editors, and in an endorsement of the following sentiment from the *Light of Truth*:

It is one of the evidences of a growing mind that it changes spheres of thought. There is happily no longer a need or a place for the iconoclast in the spiritualistic field. The rubbish of effete orthodoxy has been removed, and the constructive period is upon us all.

Methodist Changes.

In the early days of Methodism, the time limit of pastorates was considered to be one of the principal bulwarks of the system of government. The time has been gradually extended, and one conference has abolished it altogether, as will be seen from the following from one of our Eastern exchanges:

By a vote of 433 to 239, the Methodist general conference at Chicago abolished the time limit of pastorates. Hereafter preachers will be appointed annually by the bishops, with no limit on the number of years a pastor may serve one congregation, except the limit imposed by his own ability and popularity.

His Better Half.

The readers of the JOURNAL will remember the portrait of Dr. Hillis and his eloquent article published recently. The following item from an Eastern paper will be of interest in this connection:

We have it on good authority that the genial and talented wife of Rev. Dr. Dwight N. Hillis of Plymouth church, is a medium. This being so, it is not hard to account for Dr. Hillis' expansion in thought and bravery of utterance anent the soulless creeds he has grown away from.

A Psychological Study.

The *Cassadagan* makes a good suggestion, and perhaps a careful analysis of the subject would reveal causes which have never been suggested. We quote as follows:

The Mayer Home Fund is yet a problem; and the indifference of the majority of Spiritualists is one of the most suggestive puzzles in Psychology. That one man should manifest more interest and liberality than the combined millions claimed to be Spiritualists, is an object lesson worth studying.

New Era Camp, Oregon.

Its next annual gathering will be held beginning June 23 and ending July 16, thus including four Sundays. Full particulars may be had by addressing E. W. Penman, secretary, Canby, Oregon, or Mrs. Kate Obrock, vice-president, 309 Shaver street, Portland, Oregon.

No More Engagements! says Dr. Peebles in the *Temple of Health*. No wonder, when we consider the advanced age of the writer, and the following list of appointments. He says:

Engagements! No more of them for the camp-meetings. We are engaged to four here in Michigan, to the one at Freeville, between Cortland and Ithaca; and to the Maple Dell camp, Mantua, Ohio. We have been urged to attend the Sunapee camp, N. H., and four others. It is impossible! The older I grow in years the more calls I have to lecture to Spiritualist societies and camps. I attended the Ohio State Convention of Spiritualists on May 23 and 24 in Columbus, and on June 16 and 17 I am engaged to the annual meeting in Sturgis, Mich.

Dr. Dean Clarke, delegate to the Congress of Religions to be held in Paris during the great Exposition, has prepared an eloquent address, which was printed in the *Banner of Light* of June 2. We make the following extract:

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Dr. C. W. Hidden of Newburyport, Mass., was the orator at Portsmouth, N. H., on Memorial Day, and this is what the *Times* of that city says about it:

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W. J. Colville, writing from Australia to an exchange, speaks very encouragingly of the ongoing of the spiritual cause in the colonies, and adds:

I am sure many of your readers will be glad to know that my lecture on "Anniversary of the Hydesville Phenomena," delivered to a large and enthusiastic audience on Saturday evening, March 31, received a fine notice in the *Adelaide Advertiser* of Monday, April 2. Spiritualism is being investigated freely by the most intelligent elements in Australian society. Lilian Whiting's books are well known here and are very popular. The two Melbourne monthlies, the venerable *Harbinger of Light*, edited by W. H. Terry, and the *Messenger*, edited by Mrs. M. A. Redfern, are constantly finding their way into the highest places of influence.

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The Delineator for July contains an article on "Amusements for Sick Children," by Miss Lina Beard. Miss Laughlin's contribution to the "Stories of Authors' Loves" is an article which treats of Carlyle and the high-strung Jane. She gives a pathos to the subject lacking with some of the harsher pens that have treated it. 7 West 13th St., New York.

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Thanking you for your communication and sincerely trusting you may be as successful in your delineations with others as you have been in my case, I remain,
Yours sincerely,
J. D. HUGO.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 8, 1900.

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Los Angeles Notes.—The Harmonial Society of Los Angeles is in a prosperous condition, and much interest is being shown in the lectures of Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, who is now serving the Society. The attendance is large. The Lyceum is steadily increasing and is one of the pleasant features of Mrs. Gillespie's work. The socials are well attended, the reception tendered the speaker Tuesday evening being the largest one yet given. The regular social given each Wednesday evening is in every way a success.

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Soldiers' Home.—For the first time, the Spiritualist veterans of the Soldiers' Home, Cal., held memorial services. They have a prosperous society there under the care of that earnest worker, Mrs. Armstrong, who is doing a splendid work among them. Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie gave the memorial address. It was one never to be forgotten by those who heard it. Assembly Hall was filled to the doors with earnest listeners, who demonstrated their appreciation in a most cordial manner. At the close of the lecture Mrs. Armstrong presented Mrs. Gillespie, in behalf of the soldiers, with a beautiful bouquet. Arrangements were made also for further lectures by the same speaker in the near future. Of all the earnest workers I know of none more so than our "Boys in Blue" at the Soldiers' Home. XX.

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Thanking you for your communication and sincerely trusting you may be as successful in your delineations with others as you have been in my case, I remain,
Yours sincerely,
J. D. HUGO.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 8, 1900.

DR. MUEHLENBRUCH—

Kind Sir: I wish to thank you for the very excellent reading you sent me. It is remarkably correct in its details.

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G. HORATIO BIBBINGS,
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26 Paternoster Square, E. C. London, England.

Letter from Springfield, Mo.

TO THE EDITOR:

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Local News Summary.

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Testimonial Benefit.—The Spiritualists and friends of Mrs. R. S. Lillie in San Francisco and vicinity will join in a grand benefit social in her honor in Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St., on Friday evening, June 22. It will be a musical and literary entertainment, followed by dancing. The program will be published next week. Mrs. Lillie's many friends will be glad of this opportunity to manifest the high regard in which she is held in San Francisco.

B. F. Small, treasurer of the State Association, is seriously ill at his home, 3750 22nd St., San Francisco. His many friends will send thoughts of sympathy and healing to him and his family.

Ladies' Aid.—On account of the regular meeting coming on Decoration Day, that session was omitted, but on last Wednesday, June 6, there was a good attendance and an interesting meeting. After the routine business, those present were entertained by speeches on the work before this benevolent society.

The Union Spiritual Society of Oakland met, as usual, at 856½ Isabella St. on Wednesday, May 30. A large attendance greeted Dr. and Mrs. Palmbaum, among them a number of strangers from other towns. Mrs. Palmbaum read a poem by Andrew Jackson Davis, and the doctor gave tests and advice to many in the audience. Mrs. Stewart followed, giving tests to a number of people and describing spirits who were present to greet their friends. Sec.

Dr. Wm. Penn Haworth has organized what is known as "The Golden Rule Health Circle," composed of some of the best mental and magnetic healers, and is now located at the Palmer House in Oakland, where they treat all manner of diseases and give psychic readings daily. This kind of combination is a move in the right direction and will result in great success.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sloper, 449 Jersey St., San Francisco, has again resumed her work as a public medium. This her former friends and patrons will be glad to know. She has been before the public for many years, and is well known, not only in San Francisco, but elsewhere, as a reliable medium and eloquent lecturer.

Mrs. Wrenn's Meeting at 117 Larkin St. was addressed by Mrs. Cotter, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Wrenn. Music by Mrs. Dunkel.

Mr. J. T. Roberts, secretary of the Mediums' Protective Association, has gone to Grangerville, Kings county, on a business trip.

Memorial at Sunny Brae.

On Sunday morning, June 3, in company with several friends, I left San Jose for a ride to Sunny Brae, the residence of Mrs. E. L. Watson, who was to deliver her annual address under "Temple Oak," a giant tree adjoining her home, and forming part of her beautiful grounds.

As the day advanced, the air was warm, and so softly serene that the whole atmosphere became idealistically a paradise. As we journeyed through this pretty orchard district, where so much that is beautiful and useful exists, many were the expressions of admiration on what we beheld. We met many of the country people, making their way to their various places of worship.

We reached our destination, Sunny Brae, at 10:45 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. some 300 or more people had assembled under the branches of "Temple Oak," anxious to listen to their truly eloquent and much-loved neighbor, Mrs. Watson. The sun was shining softly through the branches of the great oak, where many a little songster of the forest was chirruping love to its mate, inspiring, as it were, the audience to do likewise.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Watson's son-in-law, who read a short address of welcome, making all feel at home. Then Mrs. Taylor read, with much grace, a beautiful discourse as a part of the service. Like mother, like daughter, whom we all trust will grow in great power, of which she gives so much promise.

A sweet hymn of praise was then sung by the congregation. When Mrs. Watson stepped upon the platform, she gazed into the heavens with a face full of adoration and desire, invoking all that was holy to descend upon her friends and neighbors.

In a clear, calm, reverent voice the speaker said: "I will speak to you today on the Kingdom of Heaven. And then emphasizing with deep, but joyous solemnity, 'the Kingdom of Heaven is within you,' she proceeded with her discourse for one and a quarter hours with such eloquence as but very few mortals dare hope to express, or ever listen to. Man's relation to his Creator, to his neighbor, his possibilities of enjoyment and power, were set forth with sentences that burned to the soul and electrified the heart. Her many flights of eloquence were charming, and with the loving features of the speaker, the deep significance of her subject, and the sweet, still solitude of this peaceful day, I was completely lost in my idealistic contemplation.

The speaker closed her discourse by an invocation for showers of peace, goodwill and brotherly love upon man. Then followed many loving congratulations from her friends and acquaintances, to whom this well-spent day will be always remembered as a heavenly benediction.

J. G. WRIGHT.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—At the open meeting held at 509 Van Ness Ave. on Thursday evening, June 7, Prof. Robert R. Hall gave a synopsis of 12 illustrated lectures on Astrology, largely from a spiritual standpoint. It was a brilliant effort, both instructive and entertaining. Music by Mrs. Weld. Next Thursday evening Dr. Phelon will speak, taking for his subject, "Wait a Little While." A Sunday morning meeting has been opened at 11 o'clock. All welcome.

Mrs. Griffin's Meeting in Occidental Hall on Wednesday evening, June 6, was a good one, though not largely attended. The music was far above the average, and Mrs. Griffin was at her best in her platform test work.

Mme. Young's Meeting.—Last Sunday evening Mrs. Seal spoke of the "Spiritual Aspect of Astrology." Prof. Young played his latest composition on the violin, entitled "The Last Message." The spirit messages were given by Mme. Young. The family will shortly remove to their new Alameda home; but the meetings and business hours will still be maintained at 605 McAllister St., as usual.

Universal Spiritual Association.—The subject for discussion at 20 Eddy St. last Sunday was "Personality." Music by Miss Lee.

B. Fay Mills spoke in Metropolitan Temple last Sunday evening to a large audience. He took for his subject, "Lifting the Lowest." Next Sunday the subject will be, "The Mystery and Ministry of Music."

Mrs. Gillingham held her usual Sunday evening meeting last Sunday at 909 Market St. The platform was occupied by Mrs. Gillingham, and the music was furnished by Miss Alice Sevrance.

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DR. J. M. PEEBLES, Battle Creek, Mich.

Oakland.—Sunday evening, May 10, Mrs. Dr. C. Stewart, for two years past a resident of Oakland, closed a two-weeks' engagement at Fraternal Hall. Mrs. Stewart's messages gave universal satisfaction, and being young, a long and successful career as a test medium is undoubtedly in store for her. On Sunday evening, June 17, Mrs. Cowell will begin a short engagement.

The Flying Roll.—Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell of London, England, are in this city in the interest of this peculiar religious sect. They spoke to a good audience in Golden Gate Hall last Sunday evening. They believe in immortality in the flesh.

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On account of the illness of Mrs. Lillie, these meetings are now suspended.

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A MENTAL VISION.

(Written while contemplating the article, "Spirit Illumination," by M. E. Taylor, in the "Religio-Philosophical Journal" of May 31, 1900, all of which the writer hereof comprehends, appreciates and endorses.)

My sight is getting dim,
This frame hath feeble grown;
I soon shall pass within
That land, by my insight known.
I see an angel band,
Clad in robes of snowy white;
And in their midst doth stand
My mother—how grand the sight!
Sweet smiles are on her lips,
Shines her face with loving glows;
Now, with her finger-tips,
A kiss to me she throws.
Patiently doth she wait,
My longing soul to greet,
And convey to its estate,
When my earth-life I complete.
Brookville, Kan. J. M. ARNOLD.

BORDERLAND

Mrs. Josephine Ropp.

H. W. BOOZER.

Mrs. Ropp, of Indianapolis, is a remarkable medium, whose gift for demonstrating the facts of spirit existence and inter-communication between the two worlds is unlike any other. As in the early days of Spiritualism, while there were many mediums for physical phenomena, yet D. D. Home's mediumship gave more demonstration than these; so this lady in her work is able to lay low more skeptics than the average physical medium. It is not the profundity of wisdom, or the high degree of decarnate culture that is here required; but the conclusiveness of the evidence of the truth of Spiritualism, if from ever so humble or commonplace a spirit.

Mrs. Ropp is a plain, unassuming, middle-aged lady, whose attractions are found on acquaintance: being true, intentionally just in all her dealings and considerate of others. Enemies she has, and must have, while her gifts are so much coveted. Two methods are employed in her work: in public she gives her tests while unconscious, with "Bright Star," her spirit conductor and control, who appears a spirit of mature mind, with a strong suggestion of the nature of a child. In her sittings and seances, however, the medium is entirely conscious, mingles in the conversation and enjoys it all with the company at the hands of Bright Star, here always and ever a child, whose cheer, wit, intelligence and sympathy endears her to all in a way that words can convey but a faint idea of.

The mediumistic endurance of this medium, as to the amount of work done and time occupied, with

her readiness to recuperate from its effects, is something really wonderful. No time is lost in making conditions, but from start to finish, of from 30 minutes to two hours, it

is one succession of tests, involving in each case not only one, but generally a number of names. These may be the given names only, yet they are always recog-

Automatic or Spirit Writing.

Question.

What should be our most reasonable attitude toward the existing religious dogmas?

Answer.

The attitude of convicted believers in Spiritual life towards the blind leaders of the blindly dogmatic mediums should be that of the Seers to those who see to those who are blind in the dark. As full of livingness and tenderness as one who sees to those who are blind, eager to remove their disability but patient with their natural mistakes and halting steps. Remember as they are, so once were you and they too shall be ultimately led to the light.

Copy by S. A. U.

The attitude of convicted believers in Spiritual life towards the blind leaders of the blindly dogmatic in Spiritual matters should be that of the Seers to those who are blind in the dark, as full of livingness and tenderness as one who sees to those who are blind, eager to remove their disability but patient with their natural mistakes and halting steps. Remember as they are, so once were you and they too shall be ultimately led to the light.

The above is a specimen page from the book written by Mrs. Sara A. Underwood, of Chicago, entitled "Automatic or Spirit Writing, with Other Psychic Experiences." The first of the writing shows that which comes through her hand when it is controlled by spirits. The second paragraph is the same sentence written by her in her normal condition.

It is an intensely interesting volume, giving answers to questions propounded by Mr. B. F. Underwood, the former editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL. These answers were written very rapidly, and often were in distinct opposition to the views both of Mr. and Mrs. Underwood and detailed the experiences of spirits who had passed beyond the mortal state, showing their condition, employment and surroundings, in very clear and concise language.

The subjects embrace the whole range of the philosophy of Spiritualism, and give information which is alike interesting to the philosopher, scientist and ordinary searcher after truth.

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nized from the relationships described; yet the surnames are often also given, with now and then an incident known only to the party addressed. Bright Star's knowledge and memory of the names of persons is something phenomenal.

In a perfectly dark room, filled with people seated in a circle, she will address by name each in rotation, often inquiring after absent ones of the person's family at home, giving their names, also, with never a mistake. This success in her readings of the individual, forces one to the conclusion that every person is like a photographer's sensitive plate, receiving impressions of all the details connected with this life's action, and these Bright Star has only to read from the record thus made on each personality.

Mrs. Ropp's seances are an intermitting of the trumpet phase and the independent voice. The room is made perfectly dark, and hands joined, or not, as the circle desire. Like many other trumpet mediums, her seances are opened by repeating in unison, "The Lord's Prayer," followed with singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee." Then comes the trumpet voice of a male spirit with a few preparatory words, followed by the messages of affection from the loved ones, one after another, through the trumpet which moves about the circle toward the person addressed, identifying themselves by giving the name, sometimes an incident as a test, and always showing a deep interest in their return, with their affection ever expressed. These voices are generally faint, yet clear enough to be heard and understood by all in the room. Sometimes there is a tangle in making themselves known. In such a case the clear, piping voice of Bright Star breaks in and straightens it out.

For the superstitious novice still under the influence of the hobgoblin stories of infancy, the first word she utters is an occasion for the experience of some very creeping and shaking sensations—the character of that voice requires little reason or reflection to satisfy all that it belongs to no mortal in the room. The faintness of many of the voices induces a uniformity of sound; yet there are many exceptions, when their individualized characters are very clearly defined.

After each one of the circle has thus communicated with the trum-peters, Bright Star addresses them individually, omitting none, giving tests of identity as she can, sometimes startlingly and convincingly to all, and sometimes not so well, yet always in the peculiar, clear, forceful voice and in a way that never once deviates from an expression of the child's individuality. After thus going the rounds she sings her child's angel song, "Draw

me Nearer," a quaint melody reminding us of "Robin Adair."

The performance is a remarkable one, as showing the sustained power of her voice in making emphasis and expression with the sentiments of the song, and in the prolongation of full notes. That she is musically inclined is evidenced by the fact of her readily joining in the singing of the circle, when by chance they are sometimes requested by a spirit visitor to sing. While in much independent voice work only the vocal organs are materialized, or the same effect is otherwise produced in the trumpet. Bright Star has the power to instantly materialize and dematerialize the full form in the darkness. Her work is directed entirely to the sense of hearing and not that of sight. I have heard her close by my side, and noted her continuous talk while going from the medium to the farther part of the circle—her place in the room being thus clearly denoted.

One of the most noteworthy incidents connected with Mrs. Ropp's seance work is the fact that people of foreign nationality, no matter if French, German, Polish, Russian, Swede, Italian or any other, talk in their own language with their spirit friends in the trumpet phase. Ofttimes occur scenes of a very pathetic character in the surprises visitors thus often receive.

It is interesting to note how completely Bright Star will adapt herself to the company she chances to find thrown together. I remember attending a seance in which were some railroad people. To an engineer she spoke in detail of this and that smash-up and its victims, naming the engine; of hair-breadth escapes, giving names and incidents known only to the party addressed.

It is a noteworthy fact connected with this medium's sittings, which also take the same form of alternated trumpet and independent voice, that spirits who have never presented themselves to the sitter in many varied previous sittings with other mediums, here manifest. This peculiarity extends to distant relatives—ancestry so far back that only after inquiry can verify.

Mrs. Ropp's visit to Grand Rapids has been the means of converting many to the truth of Spiritualism, some of these being the most incorrigible skeptics. She has also done a great work in arousing an abiding interest in the minds of unbelievers who have been prevailed upon by friends to attend our meetings. Her last in this line was her crowning public work here, the occasion being our anniversary celebration, to a densely crowded house. After giving tests from the rostrum for a long time, the windows of the hall were hastily darkened, and Bright Star, with independent voice, talked to persons in the audience for over half an hour.

The impracticability of such a demonstration was here made plain by the importunity of those present who had not been in any of these seances; for the Babel-like clamor increased to such an extent that Bright Star was finally forced to retire.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Auntie's Dream.

The sign of death in a family well known in an Eastern city is that a certain aunt dreams she is carrying a child a long and weary dis-

tance up hill and down dale. Skeptical members of the family have said that the old lady is very likely to dream her dream when any member of it is seriously ill. They have not said this quite so much, however, since a certain repetition of a dream, which took place when everybody in the family was apparently in excellent health.

At that time they asked, half joking: "Why, who can be going to die now? Auntie's dream will fail this time, to be sure." A few days later an old gentleman in the family, while sitting at his desk, attending to business as usual, died instantly of heart disease.—*Sel.*

Dr. Thomas a Spiritualist.

"I am a Spiritualist," says the Rev. Dr. W. H. Thomas. "I would have to give up the Bible if I denied the ministry of spirits." He was speaking before the joint convention of the National Spiritualists' Association and Illinois State Spiritualists' Association at Handel Hall. When Dr. Thomas, whose name is so well known in religious circles, was invited to make a brief address and announced that he was in hearty sympathy with the principles of Spiritualism because he considered it eminently Scriptural, the large audience gave way to tremendous applause.

"Thirty years ago, when I was so fortunate as to discover that Spiritualism meant a continuity of life," he continued, "I found that I was in sympathy with its teachings. We all have our beliefs. There is no church in the universe large enough to accommodate the beliefs of the human family, and therefore when a new theory is advanced, a new creed is born. I am a Spiritualist, also, because it deals with humanity, and we will hear more, before less, of this scientific faith."

Rev. R. A. White, pastor of the Universalist Church of Chicago, gave an address on "Spiritualism as Viewed from the Modern Pulpit," and said that the reason that the Christian clergy were antagonistic to the faith was because they were not familiar with its teachings.—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

God and Christianity.

JEPHIA G. DUNLAP.

Do God and Christians work in consonance or in opposition to each other? Considering the claims made, these are important questions; let us, therefore, decide them. Christians claim that God is omnipotent, just and good; that he is anxious to save every soul; that they are doing his work, and that he is working with them and directing their efforts to convert the world. Now, it is self-evident that if God is omnipotent, just and good, he must desire that no soul shall be lost, and that he not only has the disposition, but all the power to accomplish this. If this is so, he will, as, of course, he can, refrain from creating a soul whom he foreknows would be lost, and he will delay not a moment to rectify the causes which lead to the destruction of souls.

But what are the facts? It is asserted that over 1,800 years ago Christ came to redeem the world. Since then Christians, aided by an omnipotent God, have been striving to save the human race. Just think of it—over 1,800 years of effort by God and man and the world far from redemption still. In the mean-

time, sin flourishes and innumerable souls are cruelly permitted to suffer eternally. Oh! justice where is thy throne? Dost thou reign within the bosom of a kind and loving father, or sway thy scepter within the heart of a friend?

It will not do, of course, for a Christian to admit that God is not omnipotent—though in his delusion he may deny the responsibility of omnipotence; for such an admission would knock the very foundation of his structure from under him. And yet it is strange how blind he is to the fact that he is in an equal dilemma when he assumes that his God is omnipotent, for omnipotence, meaning all responsibility as well as all power, involves the justice and goodness of God as well as his failures.

However, if we admit this idea of an omnipotent God, it becomes evident that it is no part of his plan to "hasten the time when all shall know him"—no part of his goodness to have saved the untold billions of souls created by him and omnipotently predestined to eternal torment since the advent of Christ—no part of his plan to save the inestimable multitude he is yet to create, knowing that, in creating, yet not in justice or goodness refraining from creating, their destiny is eternal damnation—no part of his plan to end now the sin and depravity, the pain and sorrow which prevails on every hand and will prevail until the dawn of that far-away millenium of which we are told.

It is plain that if God is omnipotent, he has planned all these things to be as they are—that he desires to have them so—that all manner of sin, all villainy, all corruption and all dens of vice exist only in accordance with his will; for if this omnipotent being willed to have it otherwise, all these evils would disappear as suddenly as a mist before the morning sun. How manifest it is that this great and good Creator has an inclination for sin and its consequences. How consistently he says in Isaiah 45 and 7: "I form the light and create darkness; I make peace and create evil; I, the Lord, do all these things."

We must, therefore, conclude that this God is working on different lines from those of the Christian who would not gladly render himself a victim to everlasting torment for the glory and honor of his God, or from him whose heart yearns for the safety of the wayward beings by whom he is surrounded, and who would, if he could, at one benign stroke end at once all sin and suffering. Such are not the purposes of this God, and instead of working in harmony with him, the Christian is exerting himself in opposition to him.

San Jose, Cal.

Sleep = Dreams and Visions.

NELLIE M. JERAULD.

Homer called sleep "the brother of death," but it seems to me that M. Vaschide describes it more truthfully as "the brother of life." Our dreams prove this. What are dreams? Guildenstern said Hamlet's dreams were ambition, "for the very substance of the ambitious is merely the shadow of a dream," and Hamlet answers: "A dream itself is but a shadow," and in the dreams that seem to foretell events we can agree with Hamlet that they are but shadows, "as coming events cast their shadows before." We are all dreamers,

though many claim to sleep without dreams. They do not remember to have dreamed, and from experiments extending over several years I am convinced that the more profound the sleep the more true the dreams. Those dreams easily remembered are the dreams that come just when we fall asleep or at the moment of waking—"the chaos of dreams," as they have been well called—but it is during profound sleep that we dream truly. It is then that the soul is free from the cares and troubles that surround our material life, and can then see both the past and the future clearly.

Could we but thoroughly understand our state while sleeping, we could then throw a flood of light on what is called "dual personality," or "double consciousness." Scientists claim that memory depends on facilities of communication from brain cell to brain cell. That being true, then why is it that in one state of consciousness a person remembers nothing that occurred in his former state? And this so-called "dual state" is not an uncommon thing.

Some one has said "there is no philosophy outside of that which is," but in these days, when the superstition of the supernatural seems consecrated, and emancipated philosophy is seduced by the miraculous, it is important that we should be on our guard against all things chimerical.

Can we know what a dream is? Why certain dreams come to us, or, rather, why we dream at all? The simplest explanation is always best, and when we remember that all that is unknown may not be unknowable, and all that is unknown will some day be known, we can boldly investigate these so-called mystic realms. Believing that there is nothing supernatural—that there can be nothing above nature—and as we are the highest product of earthly nature, we can upon a natural basis investigate all things.

Even physicians of the old school have ceased to argue against the demonstrated fact of the existence of the separate consciousness, or, as Drecher says, "two distinct individualities," (though there is a simpler and better term which I will give.) Before the phenomena of hypnotism had been scientifically investigated, they had been compelled by their own observations to that conclusion. I am not willing to accept that dicta.

This seemingly "dual ego," or "two distinct personalities," are but different portions of the compound nature of our actual self—a part of the mental being active during the hours of sleep. That we have within our organization tendencies which are higher or lower than others within us, can not be disputed. That at one time the best has the ascendancy, and then the lower, none will deny, putting aside the idea of a "dual personality," "sub-consciousness," and other befogging terms, as an explanation of certain visions and dreams, and keeping in mind the one fact that our ego is made up of many parts, a portion only of which is active at one time, another at another time, and the most of our difficulties concerning dreams and visions will have vanished. Of course, it will not explain all occult occurrences, but it will explain many of the sights and sounds that we have seen and heard.

That dreams are from disordered digestion doubtless is true—sometimes; but it is not always the case. That dreams are often but a

continuation of our waking thoughts is true, and my own dreams have more often than otherwise been of this character, though there have been notable exceptions.

I had worked over a mathematical problem for two days and could not solve it. Again and again I had reasoned it out; carefully I had written and rewritten it; I worked until after midnight, and then went to bed. I remained awake for some time. It was a matter of reputation, for I had a large school, and to let them know their teacher had failed—well, that never could be. "I will try it again in the morning, and if I fail I will see Prof. C. before school-time." But before morning I had dreamed the solution; figure by figure I saw it put down, not on the slate which I had been using, but on a large blackboard, in beautiful white figures, and where I had made my mistake, was written in red chalk. I did not awaken early, for my mind being at rest, I slept undisturbed. Immediately upon awakening, I worked out the example as I saw it in my dream, and it was absolutely correct.

Another time I had finished a series of articles, with the exception of the last chapter. I studied and thought, but could not finish it to my satisfaction. The editor wrote: "Hurry copy." I spoiled paper and temper that afternoon, and went to sleep thinking of that unwritten chapter. That night I saw it all in a dream, just what I needed—conversation and landscape; even the particular cottage I had wished to describe, and the flower garden was surely a part of Eden. But these dreams can be explained easily. A certain portion of the brain acted freely during sleep, not being harrassed by any material surroundings, and the thought was intelligent; the soul sense could see clearly. But all dreams can not be so explained.

My daughter said to me: "Do you believe in dreams?" If we call them night thoughts, we can give them the same credence that we give day thoughts. I replied: "I will tell you my dream last night. I may be foolish, but it worries me. I dreamed that E— (her brother, who was living in another State), was dead. I saw him in his coffin surrounded by flowers. He was in Mrs. — parlor, and as I was going in the room she met me and said: 'Get your mother; she can save him.'" "What could have caused such a dream? Were you thinking of E— before you went to sleep?" "No; but it seemed so real that I can not get rid of the impression it made."

That day at noon I received a letter from Mrs. B—, asking me to come and make her a visit, adding: "E— is not very well." Coming, as it did, immediately after the dream, I could not readily dismiss it. By return mail I sent a letter asking for particulars regarding E—'s condition, but said I could not at that time leave home. That night I dreamed of seeing a body of water, large, black and deep. As I stood on the shore, I saw E— sinking. When he was almost submerged, I caught him and after a dreadful struggle drew him out. I awakened tired, covered with perspiration and gasping for breath.

Three nights I had the same dream; it did not vary in scene or action one iota. The fourth night I saw him take some medicine, noted the label on the bottle and said to him: "It is suicide to take that medicine, as it in no way removes the cause." That day came

a letter that removed all doubt, and I went to him as rapidly as cars could take me. I had noted the dates of the dreams, and found upon inquiry that the night my daughter had dreamed of her brother's death, that Mrs. B— had said: "We must get his mother here; she will know what to do." The times I had seen him sinking in the water had been when he was unconscious and those around him had thought him past help. The medicine he was taking proved to be just as I had seen in my dream—an opiate that only lulled the pain and in no way removed the cause. I do not see how morbid fancy or a disturbance of organic function could have produced those dreams.

We were not aware at the time of G—'s dream that her brother was ill. I had a clear understanding of his sickness, and my presence was absolutely necessary to start him on the road to recovery. As in dreams, time and space are annihilated, both time past and future, and all that is heard and seen is in the present tense only. Can we not reason from this fact that the soul sees the picture on the ether, and what has happened or is going to happen is there seen, and that it is shown by such symbols as are most easily understood.

Some years ago, while in Northern Michigan, I was corresponding with a physician in an Illinois city. She was a noted Theosophist, a very learned and cultured lady, one who was deeply interested in occult matters. I had never seen her and had no idea of her appearance, as we wrote only on subjects of an occult nature, leaving out all personalities.

One night I dreamed (?) that some one called, "Come," and in a very short time I entered a room furnished in a peculiar style—a mixture of the Orient and the Occident. A valuable East Indian rug was on the floor, a large, soft fur robe covered the arm-chair, a quaint cabinet in the corner, upon which was a photograph of a man in a Hindoo dress; on the walls a picture of Annie Besant; also one of Blavatsky. A modern couch piled high with satin and silk pillows, a dainty work-basket with some silk scraps in it, gave evidence of the presence of a modern young lady.

No one was in the room and I drew aside a curtain and went into the next room. At a glance I saw the room was furnished in white and gold. One engraving in a white frame hung on the wall near the bed, on which lay a tall, dark woman who seemed to be suffering greatly. Over her bent a blue-eyed, yellow-haired, dainty creature. The elder woman said: "I shall die if I do not get relief soon." I stepped to the bed, placed my hand on her throat and gently followed the nerves leading to the stomach. A few strokes and then she sighed and said: "What a blessed relief!" I noted the time by the little clock on the dresser as 1 a.m., and when I awakened it was 1:30.

I wrote to Dr. — and told her of my dream, only describing the two women, and to my surprise she wrote back, saying: "You have described my daughter and myself accurately," and at the time mentioned that she had been suffering terribly with an attack of indigestion and rheumatic gout and had used the words I had heard; that it was 1 a.m. when she had obtained relief. My astonishment increased when some months later I visited her and was ushered into

the room furnished as I saw in my dream. The curtain was down between the two rooms and I said: "Doctor, let me describe your room," and then told her how it was furnished, and then, drawing back the curtain, she said: "You could not have described it more accurately if you had been looking at it as you gave the description."

There have been other times when I have seen strange people and places new to me, and, whenever possible, I have verified the dream, but have not always been able to do so, though often enough to prove that there is a philosophy in dreams.

Some days ago two business men had a discussion. One of them made an assertion that the other did not believe, but could not prove it false, and saw no way of doing so. One night he dreamed that at a certain spot he met a man and said to him: "Are you watching Mr. M—'s lumber?" "No; I have nothing to do with it." That day he met the man on the spot where he had seen him in his dream, and asked him the question and received that answer, proving that the idea he had regarding the truth of the assertion was correct.

Instances could be multiplied indefinitely proving the correctness of dreams with actual facts, though, like many people's waking thoughts, there are dreams that are too incoherent to prove any theory except that of vapid uncertainty.

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The Plague.

Governor Gage, in his report to Secretary of State Hay, declares that there is not now, nor ever has been, a case of bubonic plague in San Francisco. This is no "news" to most of us who have suffered from the plague of quarantine and the plague of ignorant political doctors. The local Board of Health, appointed by the Mayor as a reward for political services rendered, have succeeded in nearly ruining the business of this city, and putting a blight of suspicion upon it which will require months, if not years, to eradicate.

The quarantine was raised last Friday afternoon at 2, and now these eminent medical gentlemen will have time to devote to the persecution of magnetic and mental healers; for it is men of their calibre who are always foremost in this kind of warfare upon every movement which promises to upset old ideas and inaugurate new methods. Modern politics are the curse of the age. "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

Spiritualism for the People.

The *Two Worlds* of Manchester, England, is championing a movement, inaugurated by the "Onward Spiritualist Society," whose slogan is "the conversion of England to Spiritualism." The particular scheme for the accomplishment of this desirable object is the distribution of spiritual literature among the people. From the enthusiasm manifested by those having the work in charge, there seems to be no doubt of its success. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty—and success.

The distribution of bright, sparkling literature is the most effective propaganda work which could be undertaken in a country where nearly 100 per cent. of the people read and write.

The Human Telephone.

Thomas J. Shelton, editor of *Christian*, is making some very remarkable experiments in Thought Transference, by using another person as a transmitter and receiver. This person he calls the "Human Telephone." He says:

You use the human telephone the same as you would a man-made machine. Marconi has shown us that very little machinery is needed. What I am experimenting with to-day will become a very common affair in a few years. Omnipresence is being recognized every day. Man is finding out that he is more than a two-legged animal located on the earth. He is learning to know his own spirit. The world is getting itself into communication with its environment. The movements of mind within the last 25 years have been greater than in the 25 preceding centuries, and yet we have only begun the move.

Mental Science Convention.

An event of considerable importance to students of the metaphysical is to take place in our neighboring city in a few days. The *True Word* of Seattle publishes the following, which sounds like business:

The Chamber of Commerce of the city of Seattle on May 23 received the communication and the announcement of the Mental Science convention to be held here on July 1. The communication was referred to the Committee on Printing and Advertising, from which the *Post-Intelligencer*, *Seattle Times* and *Star*, all daily papers of this city, gave liberal notices of the holding of the Mental Science convention.

The Phantom Commander.

A war correspondent—Edna M. Metzler—writing from Pretoria, once the capital of the Transvaal republic in South Africa, tells the following story. These are the words of Mrs. Kruger, wife of the Boer President:

After a recent battle two of our officers riding across the field came upon a dying English soldier. He asked for water, and after drinking said:

"Tell me, who is the Boer commander, all dressed in white, who rides a white horse, and at whom every one of us has shot, but whom no one has ever hit?"

"There is no commander dressed in white," they said.

"But we have all seen him—all of us. In every battle he is in the advance. He leads the men, speaks to them and directs their movements. You say there is no such commander? Then it must be an angel," and he died.

Proper Mental Attitude.

The thought that man is a mental being is being more forcibly projected every day. If it be true, then the proper mental attitude is of vast importance. A suggestion from Mr. A. Z. Mahorney on this subject may be helpful:

Let us resolve to decree, with all the fervency of which we are capable, that we will spare no effort

in our determination to grow into a position of absolute mastery. Let us hold for a realization of the supremacy of mind. Let us declare unalterably for the highest and best. Then will we have the consciousness of having done all that could be done, and whatever comes will be good.

Our Only Hope.

Geo. W. Hanselmann, secretary of the Spiritualist Society in Galveston, Texas, in a communication to the *Sunflower* expresses the sentiment of the societies all over the country. This accounts for the rapid growth of Spiritualism despite misrepresentation and calumny:

For years the Spiritualist Society of Galveston has upheld the banner of immortality a scientific fact and asked for lives of honesty and justice. We have, during this time, presented the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism, and in every instance defended purity and right; and as persistently condemned and denounced counterfeit and injustice.

For Fits.

"Lest we forget" that our point of view makes life what it is, we print the following prescriptions:

For a fit of passion: Walk out in the open air. You may speak your mind to the winds without proclaiming yourself to be a simpleton.

For a fit of idleness: Count the tickings of a clock. Do this for one hour, and you will be glad to pull off your coat the next and work like a man.

For a fit of extravagance and folly: Go to the workhouse, or speak with the ragged and wretched inmates of a jail, and you will be convinced that,

Who makes his bed of briar and thorn
Must be content to lie forlorn.

For a fit of repining: Look about for the halt and the blind, and visit the bed-ridden, the afflicted, and the deranged; they will make you ashamed of complaining in your light afflictions.

For a fit of envy: Go and see how many keeping their carriages are afflicted with rheumatism, gout, and dropsy.

A New Sect has been discovered in Russia, whose members honor Judas. They say that Judas was the first real disciple of Christ, for he repented of his sin and "went and hanged himself." The same manner of death is recommended to persons who wish to part from this sinful life. The sect repudiates all secular or ecclesiastical authority, and declares that the powers that be are ordained of the devil. On complaint of the Holy Synod, the leader of the heresy has been arrested.

Thought Gems has suspended publication, through the holiday months. It is one of the best Lyceum papers published in this country, and the friends of the children should rally to the support of Brother Bach and Mrs. Mattie Hull and see to it that the publication is resumed promptly in October. We cannot afford to lose any of the helps to Lyceum work.

The Reviewer.

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She was one of the many mediums who aided in promulgating Modern Spiritualism in its early days, and this book, giving her life history, will be read with great interest by those who knew her personally, and also many who have heard of her mediumship and inspiring addresses.

She was intimately connected with the early spiritual movement, not only in the United States of America, but also in Europe; and in her passing to the other shore, those yet remaining in the physical form have lost the earthly companionship of one whose labors were crowned with the greatest success; but her work for the Cause is not ended. She has passed the open door into the spirit spheres, where she will have fuller scope and greater powers for the carrying out of her designs and will aid the noble band of co-workers who, with her, have passed to the Beyond and are yet laboring for the accomplishment of the work which they began together here some 50 years ago.

Dr. Peebles is reading the revised proofs of another new book, to be entitled "Vaccination a Curse, or a Menace to Public Liberty." The Doctor has been gathering the materials for such a work for several years, and doubtless the battle between the vaccinationists and the anti-vaccinationists, which was waged so strenuously a year or two ago in San Diego, Cal., has given an impetus to the publication of this book. Though there is a Compulsory Law in California, in San Diego all children, whether vaccinated or not, attend the public schools. In most of the States this law is a dead letter, except when brought to the surface by a small-pox scare or by a purpose to increase the revenue of doctors.

Humanitarian for June contains, among other interesting articles, one on Mesmerism and Hypnotism, by Arthur Hallam, and another on Ancient Cures and Charms, by Nora Hopper. Price, 10 cents.

An important book will be shortly issued by the Abbey Press, 114 Fifth Ave., New York. It is entitled, "What is the Matter with the Church?" and is by the Rev. Frederick Stanley Root. He deals with pessimistic facts in an optimistic spirit, and whilst strongly indicting the traditional church, he shows that faithful are the wounds of a friend. There is promise of very considerable dis-

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Throwing upon the canvas
This picture bright and plain.

Our darling standing beneath a tree,
With branches widely spread.
White flowers—the orange blossoms—
Entwined about her head.

The eyes are bright, a smile just plays
About her lips, while she
Tries hard to read the future.
May she this picture see.

A home that's bright and cheerful
With its lawn and climbing flowers,
Wherein she's going to spend the rest
Of life's bright, happy hours.

With a friend that loves and trusts her,
Making life an Eden sweet;
Till she feels at last she's found a home,
Perfect and complete.

A home; oh, deep the meaning
In that word so wide expressed.
'Tis thus in all its fullness,
Peace and perfect rest.

From the cares and petty turmoils
Which assail us as we go,
Taking up life's duties,
As they pass us to and fro.

From the morning until evening,
Then we turn with gladness thought
To that home, that perfect haven,
With its peaceful beauties frought.

Read the picture as it's painted,
And, my darling, you will find
It's painted from reality,
And not just in the mind.



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Recollections of a Garden Party.

TO THE EDITOR:

Everybody was delighted when the president of the Psychic Society of Oakland announced that a garden party would be held, the proceeds of which should form the nucleus of a building fund, that sometime we may own a Spiritual Temple.

At the appointed time the people gathered at the home of our president (the *Missioner* of this society), where the surrounding grounds proved to be an ideal place for such a gathering. People came from far and near, and under a tent erected for the purpose, were heard the speeches of the day, not only from the veteran seers and sages of our ranks, but from the boy orator, whose inspired utterances are always listened to with pleasure.

Many were grieved that our teacher, from Sunday to Sunday, could not be with us on this pleasant occasion; but she called her faithful husband and said: "Go across the Bay to my people who are gathered at the garden party, and say to them that I would gladly be with them, but the hand of sickness is laid heavily upon me. I will, however, be with them in spirit."

When those assembled heard this, they were comforted, for the *shepherd* of this flock, in whom we behold the graces of the *rose* and the *lily* so sweetly blended, is very dear to the hearts of her people.

With speeches, songs and social converse, the hours sped by. *True*, our secretary was not present, but we had little need of books, bills, receipts, and the like, on an occasion like this.

Some of the elderly boys and girls joined merrily with the young people in the game of ball. A tiny tent in one corner of the grounds proved very attractive to both young and old, and many waited impatiently for an opportunity to consult the dark-eyed gypsy maid, who so truthfully predicted the coming events of their lives.

Amusing incidents were constantly occurring to provoke mirth and laughter. Some one was heard to exclaim: "I scream!" and turning to see what they were screaming about, we beheld a daintily-arranged table, and several charming young ladies ready to supply the waiting ones with delicious cake and ice cream.

Horses could not be admitted to the grounds, but a *Rider* of tall and commanding presence appeared among us, uttering words of wisdom and timely advice. But though horses were tabooed, no one seemed surprised to see a *Lion*

walking to and fro, and not a protest was uttered when heaps of the good things prepared for the table rapidly disappeared before that ravenously hungry native of New Hampshire's wilds.

A pleasant and motherly-appearing lady was introduced, who has the name of being *Small*; but the cordial greetings extended to her on every hand proved that she was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

One veteran brother declared that if the girls persisted in soliciting nickels and dimes for the grab-box and for prizes, he should certainly go and *Hyde*.

In such an assembly of Progressive Spiritualists it might be supposed that the new woman would be very much in evidence, but such was not the case, though the *New-man* was present in all his quiet dignity.

But greatest of all the attractions was the dining-room with its heavily-laden tables, and whoever tasted those genuine Boston baked beans were sure to call for *More*.

Occasionally one of the faithful ones who had volunteered to serve as waiter at the table, would glide out to enjoy for a moment the outside scenes; but she seemed to know intuitively when her presence was required by some new arrivals, and would quickly return to the kitchen, and *Don-a-gan* the waiter's apron, patiently catering to the wants of the seemingly famished ones.

We have more than one *Coleman* within our ranks, and all through the day we looked in vain for their coming, but when they appeared, late in the evening, they were gladly welcomed, for the small quantity of *Wood* provided for the occasion had been in constant demand all day, and was well nigh exhausted.

When the shadows of evening fell around us, the grounds were lighted by Chinese lanterns, presenting a beautiful appearance; but the chilling night air proved too uncomfortable, so the party repaired to the spacious parlors, and again enjoyed a feast of music and flow of soul.

As the hours of midnight approached, one after another reluctantly departed, all declaring that they had enjoyed a most delightful day, and wishing for many similar occasions.

When in the future our Spiritual Temple shall materialize, and, like Jacob's ladder, be a place where angels come and go, we shall look back with pleasure and remember with satisfaction that it was at the garden party of May 26, 1900, that the first round of that ladder was placed in position.

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Local News Summary.

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The Program for the testimonial benefit to be tendered to Mrs. R. S. Lillie on Friday evening, June 22, will be as follows: Ladies' Quartet—1st soprano, Mrs. W. Ross; 2nd soprano, Pauline C. Jenkins; 1st alto, Mrs. Theo. Richardson; 2nd alto, Miss Alice E. Severance. Instrumental music, Prof. and Madam Young; recitation, Mr. Chas. Anderson; piano solo, Miss Lena Clark; monologue, without words, Jennie Ward Hays; vocal solo, Miss Ophelia Davidson; recitation, Mrs. Clara Foltz; fancy dance, Miss Myrie Colby; Prof. Hoover's class from Hoover's College of Physical Culture. Dancing. Tickets for sale at this office.

Passed to Spirit Life.—Mrs. Estella Collins, sister of Mrs. H. A. Griffin, Mrs. G. W. Shriner and Chas. Rogers of San Francisco, and Mrs. Fisk of North Yakama, Washington. The deceased was a resident of Klickitat Co., Washington, and leaves a husband and four children. The transition occurred on June 9, 1900.

H. H. Brown will occupy the platform of the First Spiritual Union at San Jose on Sunday, June 24.

Dr. Carey is teaching a class in biochemistry at School of Science of Being and Chemistry of Life, 204 McAllister St., S.F. The Friday eve. meetings have been discontinued. Free lectures every Wednesday evening on the vital questions of the day. Subject for Wednesday evening, June 20: "The Fallacy of the Germ Theory of Disease; the Horrors of Inoculation, and the Tyranny of Quarantine." Seats free. Collection.

Mission Lyceum.—The attendance on Sunday was unusually large. Sixty bright and happy children were in the line of march. Nearly everyone had a word of wisdom. The new calisthenics, led by Mrs. Coons, are both interesting and beneficial. The rostrum exercises are as good as many a play that you pay 25c or 50c to witness. This Lyceum is in the keeping of the angel world, and its future success is assured, if mortals are true to their vows.

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Los Angeles.—The meeting of the Harmonical Society Sunday was very interesting. Mrs. Gillespie's subject in the afternoon, "Pilate's Query;" the evening, "Mediumship," brought out large and interested audiences. The Lyceum each Sunday shows a marked increase in numbers. The usual Wednesday night social brings out a large crowd. Mr. Allen Brown of Texas is with us at present. He will work in the interest of the Southern California Spiritualist Camp Association. XX.

The Spiritual Union Society of Oakland met Wednesday eve., June 13, at 856½ Isabella St. Mrs. Palinbaum read a poem by Dr. J. L. York, entitled "Compensation." Dr. Palinbaum gave a short address and tests, followed by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Amanda Smith. Last, but not least, were the convincing tests of the old-time medium, Mrs. Jeffreys-Myers, who is now on a visit to this Coast. The audience was very much pleased with her singing of "Highland Mary" by her guides, in the old Scotch dialect.

Miss Meda Hoskins, the well-known medium, who has been a resident of San Francisco for the past four years, left for Los Angeles on June 11, to join her mother, Mrs. Kate Hoskins, who is a prominent medium and speaker in the City of Angels. Her present address is 423½ South Spring street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Passed to Higher Life, June 13, 1900, Mrs. Annie Gibson, aged 44 years. Beloved wife of R. Gibson. Interment Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland. Mrs. R. S. Cowell officiated. Mrs. Gibson leaves a husband and five little children to mourn her loss.

C. F. VAN LUVEN.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—The regular open meeting was held at the headquarters, 509 Van Ness Ave., on Thursday, June 14. Dr. Phelon made some telling points in his talk on "Wait a Little While," in suggesting when waiting would be advantageous, and when it would be anything but for one's best good. Music was rendered finely by Mrs. Weld and Mrs. Rogers. Dr. Phelon's subject for next Thursday evening will be: "Who are Reformers." All are welcome, to a Sunday morning meeting, now held at 11 o'clock.

Universal Spiritual Association.—The subject for discussion last Sunday afternoon at 20 Eddy St. was "Determination." The sub-questions were: Decision. Destination. The Object in View and Motive. Miss Lee sang "A Bird in a Gilded Cage." Dr. Walter Scott Hall presided.

Mrs. Laura Blake is now sojourning at the Hotel Bradbury, corner Polk and California Sts., where her friends will find her in future.

Mrs. Henderson, who for so many years held successful spiritual meetings on Sixth St. in this city, is seriously ill at the home of her mother in Vallejo. The kindly thought, for healing and restoration to active work, by all Spiritualists is solicited. This is a case where we may all help.

B. Fay Mills spoke in Metropolitan Temple last Sunday evening on "The Mystery and Ministry of Music." Mrs. Alice Eckman-Cramer and Mrs. H. L. Stevens sang solos, and Mr. A. O. Eckman exploited the grand organ. Next Sunday the subject will be, "A New Definition of Religion."

Mme. Young's Meeting.—Mrs. Sarah Seal opened the meeting last Sunday evening with a good lecture on "Psychometry." Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell, with the assistance of Mme. Young, rendered some excellent music. The platform work by Mme. Young was fully up to the high standard so long maintained in Oriental Hall, 605 McAllister St.

Mrs. Wrenn's Meeting at 117 Larkin St. was entertained by Mrs. Wrenn, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Cotter and Mrs. Maxwell. The music was furnished by Mrs. Dunkel.

Remember the testimonial benefit social, in honor of Mrs. R. S. Lillie, next Friday evening in Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. There will be good music and dancing, with a literary program. You can get tickets at this office.

State Board Meeting.—An adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Spiritualists' Association was held at headquarters on Saturday evening, June 16. A Committee of Arrangements was appointed for the coming convention, and other important business transacted. A full report, with names of committee, will be published next week.

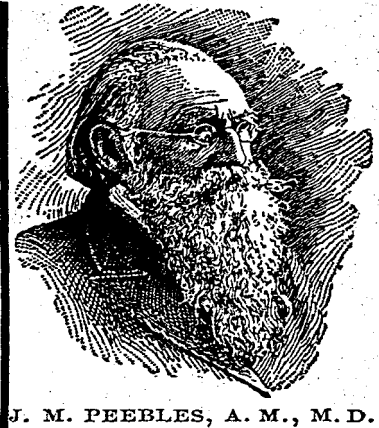
The Children's Lyceum, whose sessions are held at 909 Market St. every Sunday morning, will hold a social dance at Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. on Friday evening, July 6. Friends of the children will be glad of this opportunity to manifest their regard for the work being done by Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth and others in maintaining a Lyceum every Sunday morning for so many years.

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IF.

'Twixt what thou art, and what thou wouldst be, let
No "If" arise on which to lay the blame.
Man makes a mountain of that puny word;
But, like a blade of grass before the scythe,
It falls and withers when a human will, aim,
Stirred by creative force, sweeps toward its
Thou wilt be what thou couldst be. Circum-
stance
Is but the toy of genius. When a soul
Burns with a god-like purpose to achieve,
All obstacles between it and its goal
Must vanish as the dew before the sun.

"If" is the motto of the dilettante
And idle dreamer; 'tis the poor excuse
Of mediocrity. The truly great
Know not the word, or know it but to scorn,
Else had Joan of Arc a peasant died,
Uncrowned by glory and by men unsung.
ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

BORDERLAND

The Spirit Priest.

Bishop Wilberforce was visiting at an English country house with a large number of friends, when he noticed sitting in the library a pale priest, who spoke to no one, and whom no one seemed to know. The Bishop asked his hostess:

"Who is that priest in the library?"

"Have you seen him?" asked the hostess.

"Certainly I have seen him," replied the Bishop. "Cannot anybody see him?"

The lady of the house told him that the priest was only sometimes seen in the library, and only by some people; never elsewhere—in fact, that he was a ghost. Nobody knew his name or had ventured to speak to him.

"Well, I am going to speak to him," said the doughty ecclesiastic. He returned to the library and, seeing the priest again, he said:

"My friend, you seem to be in trouble; can I do anything for you?"

The priest answered:

"Yes, you can help me. I am glad you have spoken to me, for the laws of our condition are such that we cannot speak to human beings until we are spoken to, and that we cannot disturb matter."

"Fifty years ago I was chaplain of the family, then a Catholic family. I was fond of hunting, and just as I was about to ride off with a party across country, a young lady of the family came to me to make her confession. The hunters were waiting for me, and I asked her to write her confession and conceal it in the third volume of that library set on the top shelf of this bookcase, and I would read and receive it on my return from the chase. She promised to do so.

"I rode off, and on that day I was killed by my horse falling on me in trying to take a hedge. I have had no peace, because I felt that I

would have betrayed the secrets of the confessional if that paper were found and read, and I am powerless to remove it. You will be doing me the greatest possible kindness if you will take down that volume; in it you will find a folded manuscript; please destroy it without reading it."

The story goes that the Bishop

found a paper in the volume and set indicated by the priest, threw it into the grate and burned it, and that the priest was never seen again.

If this was the dead priest's subjective mind, the subjective mind can infringe upon the auditory as well as the optic nerves and is independent of time.—*Psychic Exch.*



A. BLANC, sculp.

Plucking the Blossoms in the Spring.

In the Spring-time, when Nature puts on her verdant robe, and happiest birds trill their merriest melodies, is a season of the year gladly welcomed by all humanity as well as other animate creatures.

In the above engraving, the time of blooming trees and flowers is nicely shown in the plucking of the fragrant blossoms by the maidenly beauty there represented.

Telekinesy.

This heading looks somewhat strange to English eyes, but the notion conveyed by the word is nothing new to Spiritualists. The word is formed on the same principle as, for instance, telepathy, telegraphy, and so on, from two Greek words, telos—end, and kinesis—motion, and designates the faculty or ability to move inanimate objects at a distance without physical contact. I firmly believe that some persons are in possession of this extraordinary gift, and I will cite one instance in support of this belief.

About six years ago I came across a case of inhuman cruelty to a child, a young girl, committed by her own mother. I reported the case to the authorities, and through my instrumentality the child was by a decision of the court taken from her mother and placed in a boarding-school, supported by the State of Illinois. The rage and fury of the unnatural mother knew of no bounds; in vain did she make every effort within her reach to again get possession of the child, and as time passed on she became more and more embittered against me, whom she looked upon as the most dangerous witness against her.

To protect the girl against her mother's intrigues, it was at last decided to appoint me as her guardian, and just as the legal blanks were filled in and signed, ready to be presented in the probate court, some very strange occurrences took place, which seem to corroborate my idea of telekinesy.

Among many other things in my bedroom, I had a picture of the above-mentioned child, and also the guardianship blank. The picture was standing on a small shelf on the wall, and the blank was lying on a bureau under a big pile of heavy books, on top of which lay several handkerchiefs. Now, I have seen during the course of two months, in full daylight, those two inanimate objects, the picture and the blank, picked out from among the many other surrounding trinkets, and after having been shaken, violently thrown down on the floor, to the same place and in the same direction. I have seen this repeated time and again, sometimes when I was alone in the room and sometimes in the presence of other persons. There were also other phenomena of the same nature occurring at the same time and continued for about two months.

I have related those experiences to some of my friends, but none of them have been able to offer a satisfactory explanation. For my part, and until some more plausible interpretation can be found, I believe they were due to a faculty pos-

sessed by the child's mother, and which, for lack of another name, I have chosen to call telekinesis, or the ability to move inanimate objects at a distance, and do so with a certain intelligent purpose. If any of our spiritual friends would tell of similar experiences and also give their explanations, I think it would be of value to many searchers after truth, and perhaps open up new vistas into the spiritual realm which to some of us is so near and yet so far.—H. S., in *Progressive Thinker*.

The Garden of Eden.

A. C. DOANE.

I wish to endorse the Idea of the Hixite Friends of both the Old and New Testaments. There was a division in the time of Elias Hix, on the personality of Jesus, the Son of God, or the Son of the Virgin Mary. One side, now called the Orthodox Quakers, or Friends, took the literal view of those occult writings. This idea gave rise to the idolatry of praying to the Virgin Mary and Jesus, by the various creed-bound sects who remain on the plane of their five animal sense natures, which was called by the ancient occult writers, "the First Adam, who was of the earth earthy. The second Adam" spoken of as the Lord from Heaven being the first-born son of God or good.

Now, if there is a mother of good, then there is a mother of evil, and both of these are in the organism of each human being; therefore, Cain is the offspring of Eve, the mother of all living thoughts on the plane of the five animal senses, called by the ancient occult writers the first Adam; while the second Adam is the Father of light, and Jesus is His first-born Son on the spiritual plane of thought. Teaching those occult writings literally has located the Garden of Eden outside of the human mind, personified Jesus, and the Virgin, and established a mode of idolatry which engenders wars and persecution. The end is not yet, for we now see the war cloud gathering between priest-craft and spiritual freedom.

The Czar's Peace Project.

A. H. NICHOLAS.

Many well-meaning writers have ridiculed the Czar's peace proposition, thinking it incredible that such a project could issue from a Czar of Russia in good faith. If we reflect that there has been a number of Czars, and that Nicholas II differs in character, judgment and education from his predecessors, then the idea does not seem so incredible. It is unjust to judge him by his ancestors; yet even if we do, let us not forget that his grandsire Alexander II, did a similar thing when he emancipated all the serfs of Russia and liberated Bulgaria.

We do not know of a more suitable person than the Czar to propose a scheme of disarmament, because he is a man of great influence in the Eastern continent, and he has given abundant proof that he is in earnest, is honest, ready and willing to do his part to bring about a general disarmament. He wants the adoption of measures to stay the ruinous and ever-increasing drain of military and naval expenditure. He recoils from the necessity of having to expend millions in munitions of war for the destruction of life when he knows

all too well the mass of human wretchedness in his own nation. Nothing would please him better than the limitation of the malevolent ingenuity of man in the art of human slaughter.

Some public men will be known in history by the zeal and vigor displayed by them in promoting the success of the Czar's project, while many articles on the subject are exhibitions of bewildered prejudice or inveterate apathy, rather than serious efforts of imagination and will to comprehend the new situation. There is too often evident a positive joy in discovering fresh imputations of perfidy. Disarmament, even if possible, is to such men undesirable.

It is evidently a heavy burden on the people for a nation to keep itself perpetually on a war basis, which is like a cancer eating into the body of the nation.

The peace conference did not accomplish its designs, yet it set in motion a principle that will not die. Shall the Czar's generous and sensible design be defeated? We predict for it success. The value of the peace measure is shown by the response it elicited among nations. Good and great men and women are heart and soul with the Czar. Nicholas II is a man of strong character. He has not laid aside his peace project, but will pursue it to its consummation. He is a worthy champion of war against war, his proclamation of which has brought a new flood of life and hope to mankind.

Summerland, Cal.

Conditions for Seances.

H. W. BOOZER.

One of the greatest difficulties connected with seance work is the ignorance of some who attend. They go with the idea that they are a self-constituted jury to try a case by police-detective methods. This in place of the scientific, which concedes the spirit, not the medium, to be the operator, and the sitter a spectator whose province it is to pass judgment after it is over.

In place of giving the operator the best possible conditions, as does the scientist, they suppose it their business to be managers, and to devise ways and means by which the truth or falsity of the medium is to be shown up. Their methods would try the patience of angels. They only succeed in confusing and weakening the demonstrations by using up wastefully energies brought together with much effort for this work.

A seance is a Shekina of consolation—a sacrament of human affection. On each occasion come crowding from the spirit side a great gathering who are separated from those left behind, each one profoundly moved to give, if but the crumb of a single word, of their undying love to those in waiting. All is accomplished under great difficulties. System and order must reign, and only that can be communicated which will not interfere with the rights of others in waiting, as allowed by the spirit conductor or manager. The words of remembrance and consolation, it is noticed, are often very carefully chosen. While most messages breathe affection only, there are plainly many who plan brief mention of earth incidents known only to sitter and spirit.

How strange it is that so many people will pay money freely for theatrical display and unreality, and yet speak vengefully of me-

dioms' rights to remuneration for the giving up of their life forces in this work of real realism. And what is the would-be show of deception and imitation compared with the truthful and original expression of remembrance from those long parted.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mediumship.

DR. M. L. V. RUSSELL.

We ask those who condemn or disapprove of certain phases of mediumship, other than their own peculiar methods, as being a detriment to Spiritualism—claiming that the material means or medium used is on too low a physical or material plane to be elevating—to go a little slow, and not class such mediums as mere fortune-tellers, conveying the idea that it is neither spiritual or scientific. We should "judge not, that ye be not judged," remembering that, "there are more things in heaven and earth—nature's laws—than have been dreamed of in our philosophy," and try not by word or deed to hinder nature's out-workings in any of its creatures.

We should use what little wisdom we have to come into a better understanding of our own nature and the laws that govern humanity, and thus learn to understand humanity better, and the necessity for all phases of manifestation.

What difference should it make to us whether the truth, or information we are seeking, comes to us through inspiration, clairvoyance, clairaudience, trance, automatic writing, etherialization or materialization, or psychometry, which includes letter, ballot, hair, card, or reading of other articles, or by cup crystal or fire gazing, or any other means of concentration or attraction of spirit intelligences? The material means being used to obtain the results desired, whether physical, mental or spiritual; for the mental and spiritual cannot manifest to us except through material.

It has been said by some public mediums that cards were too material to bring good spiritual influences and results, even when used by a good medium. Is a card in itself any more material than a piece of writing paper? Does not the spiritual and material results obtained depend more upon the mental and spiritual aspirations, as well as the magnetism imparted to the article from both the seeker after information and medium? Good desires and honesty of purpose are to be considered.

Good card and cup readers possess mediumistic power, and often give astonishing results and truths of consolation to their friends and others, and are an honor to the cause of mediumship and Spiritualism, if honest in their work.

There is a science of card-reading, if used according to scientific rules, and by our using scientific methods, our minds and spiritual perceptions are opened up in a clearer manner, and we are enabled to see better the truth on all sides, than if we did not know anything about the science of life. We refer all doubters to *Olney H. Richmond's system of Astrological Card Reading, and if they will investigate they will find that the playing cards are scientific in their construction, and that every spot and symbol has a meaning, and that, by scientific handling, according to astrological rules, that one's life can be read from the cradle to the

grave. These cards or their symbols have been in existence for centuries, and used by astrologers and magicians or wise men.

Because cards have been used for gambling and cheating, need we despise them and their good qualities, and refuse to make a good use of the wisdom they can reveal unto us, provided we have the key? With this key we can open the secret wisdom of the stars, and reveal our manifold nature.

It is an established fact that our best phrenologists and palmists are natural readers of human nature, and very intuitive and mediumistic, and thus often give more information in a mediumistic way than from the scientific facts shown from the head, or hand, or physiognomy.

Granting that spirit manifestation is the leading fact or truth in Spiritualism, why should we reject any other scientific fact or means whereby we can the better understand the laws and philosophy of life, and of spirit manifestation? All these scientific facts will assist us to come into closer harmony with our spirit friends and higher intelligences, and thus obtain more satisfactory communications, or material demonstrations.

Los Angeles Cal.

*"The Mystic Text Book, or The Magic of the Cards," by Olney H. Richmond. Price, \$5.00. For sale at this office.

Dr. J. M. Peebles.

A Battle Creek correspondent of the *Detroit Tribune* pays the following compliment to the veteran writer and lecturer:

Dr. J. M. Peebles, noted traveler, lecturer and writer, and a thorough Spiritualist in belief, has recently permanently located in Battle Creek, Mich. Forty years ago he was pastor of the Battle Creek Independent church. Since that time he has traveled the world over, making one of his greatest aims, the investigation in foreign lands of Spiritualism.

Much of the knowledge gained, Dr. Peebles has put into his book, entitled "Three Journeys Around the World; or Travels in the Pacific Islands, New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon, India, Egypt and other Oriental Countries." This work in one volume of over 450 pages, is unique from the fact that the narrative of his travels is thickly spiced with spiritualistic incidents gathered in many lands. Dr. Peebles here touches upon spirit intercourse among the Chinese, the Hawaiians, the Fijis, the Russians, the East Indians, the Australians and almost every other race under the sun.

It is odd and picturesque to take up his book so well filled with stories of travel, and find it so thickly interspersed with Spiritualism.

In personal appearance, Dr. Peebles is venerable, with snowy hair and beard, an intellectual head and face expressive of benevolence and high ideals. He is a genuine "Yankee," born in Whittingham, Vt., March 22, 1822. He has been personally identified with reform movements from their beginning, and acquainted with such men as Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison, and others.

In 1869 Dr. Peebles was appointed by President Grant, United States consul to Trebizonde, Asiatic Turkey, where he remained two years. He subsequently made lecturing tours around the world,

and has published several books on Spiritualism. He has conducted a sanitarium in California and one in Texas. He was one of the organizers of the Order of Good Templars, and is a member of many brotherhoods of philosophy, arts and sciences in different countries. During his visit in Siam the king became attracted to him, and they became very good friends.

Dr. Peebles is a vegetarian, not having eaten meat in 20 years, and has recently issued a book entitled "Death Defeated; or the Psychic Secret of How to Keep Young." He has also in press a work upon which he has spent much time and study: "The Vaccination Curse, a Menace to Personal Liberty."

The Spirit World.

M. S. NORTON.

The continuous controversy in regard to the existence of the lower order of animals in the spirit realm, can only be of interest to pseudo thinkers, or those whose intellectual horizon is severely circumscribed.

The difficulty arises from our early orthodox teaching, which has implanted in our minds the idea that when we "shuffle off this mortal coil" we will immediately take flight to some other world, which is supposed to be fashioned after this one, but much more beautiful, there to dwell in eternal bliss forever and forever.

The best thinkers in our ranks have abandoned this idea, and accepted the evolutionary hypothesis which deals with only one world, and that is the earth, which is the natural abode of man. The tree of life grows at the top, and the evolutionary process is constantly in operation. The spirit realm—or state—is only one stage of this eternal unfoldment.

To the illuminated mind the universe is a unit, and the king's highway of life is so broad that it includes it all. There are no boundary lines, no partitions, no petty despots ruling over limited kingdoms. There is but one life, one substance, one principle.

This is the "spirit world," and in it is everything which has ever had, or ever will have existence, from the atom to the infinite.

We need to broaden our horizon, and climb to spiritual heights, leaving the kindergarten, which is overcrowded, to those who are to come after us. These people who are still stumbling over the "a-b-ab" of Spiritualism, after 50 years in the primary department of the school of life, are the first to condemn those who, having found a "more excellent way," launch out into the great ocean of truth, leaving the fair-weather sailors to paddle around the shore.

Float, then, in your idle vessels,
Close within the harbor bar;
Make it dance among the ripples,
Though you may not venture far.
Lie and wonder at the waters,
Stretching out so wild and free;
Somewhere there's a better sailor,
Who will dare to put to sea.

The Best Yet.

TO THE EDITOR:

I am delighted to announce the receipt of a check for \$1,000 for the Mayer Fund, from a veteran Spiritualist of Massachusetts, who writes me as follows: "I am 81 years old, and have worked hard for small wages to earn this. I am anxious to do something for the Cause we all love so well."

Is not this a gentle reminder to wealthy Spiritualists, who could emulate the example of this aged friend, without feeling it in purse depletion as he probably has done, that a check from them would do a great deal of good for "the Cause we all love so well"—in the line of helping to complete the N. S. A. Home Fund? The munificent gift of this good old man brings a blessing with it; his genial words give us new hope and life; we are strengthened in our belief that the angels have this organization in charge, and that it is bound to move serenely on. Next to the property given by Mr. Mayer, with his donation, too, of \$500, this check from Massachusetts is the largest contribution we have received for the Fund.

We are thankful to Brother Cole of Michigan for starting the twenty-cent "Labor fund" for the Home project, for we are daily receiving additions—with most kindly words—from friends everywhere, from 20 cents upward.

When all the pledges have been redeemed, with what we have in cash on hand—we can count on about \$8,000; therefore, \$2,000 more will complete the fund, and Spiritualism will then have a National Home, and a treasury of \$10,000 for its work.

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Value of Spiritualism.

Of what value to the world is Spiritualism? Opponents are never lax in making statements as to the undesirability of Spiritualism being embraced by the people, and when some of its benefits are pointed out in refutation of their expressions, they hide themselves behind the old cry of "It may be as you say, but it is only the devil disguised as an angel of light to lead you astray," and finish off by exhorting you, as you value the safety of your soul, to have nothing to do with it. But to those who have been blessed by spiritual communion, such utterances as these have no effect. As well ask us not to allow the warm health-giving rays of the sun to shine on our physical bodies, because some, through their ignorance or foolishness, have at various times become sunstruck.

It is by our own desires and efforts we build the only bridge across which disembodied spirits may travel to reach our lives, be they angels or demons. If we are pure, evil spirits cannot really harm us; it is only when we allow impure thoughts to linger in our mind that others of like thought respond. These are disembodied spirits around us who are helped by our thoughts, just as we are helped by the thoughts of those who are spiritually above us. If we send forth a wish for spiritual help, and keep that wish uppermost in our minds, the thought speeds upwards to those who are capable of helping us onward by their purer thoughts and influences. In the same manner do evil-minded spirits respond to impure thoughts, and with their evil influences urge many on the downward path.

There are many who seem divided between good and evil, and they become as a feather tossed about in a whirlwind. But when the mind is fixed on a desired goal, each thought strengthens the preceding one, until a power is built up which ultimately is sure to bring the coveted prize within our grasp. We must make our own choice between

good and evil, and become servants of the one or the other, but oh! the contrast between them. The bond of the former is one of love drawing us onward and upward through service to our fellow-creatures toward the great All-Father; that of the other is a galling chain which fetters our intellect, drags us away from all that is beautiful, and shuts in the divine spark until it lacks power to express itself.

Anyone can distinguish right from wrong; the inner voice will speak unmistakably to the seeker after right; weak and far off it may seem at first, just the faintest whisper, but each time it is listened to it will sound clearer and louder, until at last it will become most definite. When the voice of the God-principle within is clearly heard, then its rays have gone forth and linked themselves to higher spheres, forming so strong a bridge that no influence outside of ourselves can ever break it down.

If we have built it well, across this bridge bright angel visitants can come, bringing with them the music of everlasting joy, and soothing away every care and sorrow, leaving us with a calm and patient trust in God, and the assurance that their knowledge and joy can also become ours. How often have angel visitants come into our presence, and we know it not because our minds were given to earthly cares too trivial for them to interest themselves about.

Whether we are aware of it or not, we are surrounded by these living, loving ones, and influenced by them to a greater extent than is generally imagined. The nature of the influence we receive can only be determined by ourselves. "Ask and ye shall receive"—just as much or as little as ye ask.—*Messenger*.

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The Editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, on account of nervous prostration, has, during the past eight months, been unable to see to read anything. He is at last able to discover a slight improvement in his vision. A complete rest and change of air and scenery for a few months would be a wonderful help in his restoration to health and strength. This he needs now more than anything else. If those who are indebted to this office would send us the amount, this might be accomplished.

A suggestion: Every person needs a good Book. If every reader of this, would at once send for at least ONE book or pamphlet, while it is but a trifle to each, it would be quite a help to us. May we not ask each reader to select one book or more from our list, and order the same at once?

A **Misleading Article** is going the rounds of the liberal press, stating that the Rev. Geo. Gibson of San Francisco, former pastor of the church where the murders were committed for which Theodore Durrant was executed, had confessed on his death-bed that he committed the murders. There is not a particle of truth in the whole story, which has evidently been manufactured out of whole cloth. Mr. Gibson is still pastor of the same church, and is neither dead nor has he been seriously ill. He is held in high esteem by his people.

The Lyceum, published for two years and a half by Brother Clifford in Cleveland, Ohio, has been issued for the last time, and has passed out of existence. It is with regret that we hear of the suspension of any branch of the spiritual propaganda, and especially one which relates to Lyceum work; for this is the source of supply from whence our ranks are being constantly recruited.

Past and Present.

Under this caption, Mr. E. W. Gould, writing from Oakland, Cal., to the *Progressive Thinker*, takes a very pessimistic view of Spiritualism in California. As we have often said, one's point of view largely determines the perspective of any subject.

The RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL is in no sense a local paper, having a circulation in all parts of the world, and an exchange list which includes all the best papers devoted to the cause of liberal thought. We do not see the situation as Brother Gould sees it, but, on the contrary, we think that true Spiritualism is in a more healthy condition than at any time in the last twenty years.

The fact that the great army of camp followers who are out for "revenue only" have been compelled to seek pastures new, is regarded by us as a hopeful sign. "Soldiers of fortune" from the eastern States can no longer gull the public; and for this we think the JOURNAL is entitled to some credit.

California will compare favorably with any of the eastern States, when it comes to a test. It is very much easier to sit down and write an article for publication, fraught with discouragement, than to put the shoulder to the wheel and help "push the chariot along." We say now, as we have always maintained, that the JOURNAL is very much alive, and the Spiritualists of California are up to date and ready for any emergency. We are optimistic and have very little sympathy with calamity-howlers of whatever name. In fact, we are quite well satisfied with the situation, and the State Association is flourishing in spite of its enemies.

The local societies of San Francisco and vicinity are all doing well, and will continue to do business at the same old stand, in spite of the misrepresentations of correspondents who have been unfortunate in the selection of their sources of information.

True Spirit Communion.

Dr. C. S. Carr is the author of one of the best articles on the philosophy of Spiritualism which has come to our notice recently. It is published in the *Banner of Light* under the heading, "The Spirit World." The brief extract which follows illustrates the spirit of the article:

I think every man and woman is each one for himself or herself, a medium of communion with departed spirits. My intercourse with the spirit-world will depend upon my own spirituality. I believe God has so fixed it that I cannot hire you to be spiritual for me. He has wisely limited my spiritual communion to my own spirituality. The amount of spirit-communication which I shall receive does not depend upon the number of mediums I may be able to hire, but upon my own spirituality, my own

purity of heart, my own holiness. I am sure this is as it should be.

Let There be Light.

A noted French fiction writer once said: "The source of the Nile was for centuries worshipped as Deity because it was unknown;" and he added: "It was unknown because it was worshipped as Deity." The same is practically true of the Bible. The following extract from an editorial in the *Progressive Thinker* expresses the real truth of the matter:

The Bible has been a power in the world because, in fact, it was so little known. Though in millions of hands, it has been really read by few, and still less understood. Favorite passages have been selected, and made the bases of learned disquisitions, while the main body of the work has been passed in silence, and only exposed by critics.

Dr. Paul Gibier.

This eminent French scholar and distinguished scientist has passed to the great beyond. President Barrett pays a high compliment to his usefulness, and a loving tribute to his memory. He says:

In the transition of Dr. Gibier, Spiritualism has lost one of its truest friends—in fact, one of its main props. Science loses one of its leading lights, and the literary world one of its brightest minds. He has done a noble work during his 49 years of earth-life, and has left a shining mark upon the pages of history.

Thanks are due to Mr. Henry Frank of the *Independent Thinker* for the following sensible sentiment in the June number of his spicy magazine. If, when he says a good thing like this he would stop, and not spoil it with spiteful comment, we would love him more. He says:

There is doubtless much truth in Spiritualism, and I am inclined to believe that, after all the chaff and dirt are winnowed out of it, it will present the data for the science of the future.

The Medium of Los Angeles, in the issue of June 15, announces its suspension for an indefinite period, to enable the editors, Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, to recuperate their health. They are suffering from nervous prostration, consequent upon over-exertion and insufficient material support. This is the case with too many who are laboring for the good of humanity. We hope that our neighbors will resume the publication of their excellent periodical in the near future, under more favorable circumstances.

The Courts have decided that S. A. Weltmer, of the School of Magnetic Healing in Nevada, Mo., is engaged in a scheme to obtain money through the mails by means of fraudulent representations. All letters addressed to the school are to be marked *fraudulent* and sent back to the writer, or to the Dead Letter Office.

The Reviewer.

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The Dawn for May, published at 3 Puddopuker Road, Bhowanipur, Calcutta, India, contains an excellent article on "The Indian Economic Problem," by the editor; "Sri-Chaitanya and his Message," by Bulloram Mullick; "Astrology in America," by the editor; "Responsibility, Man's or God's," by A. Govind Charlu. The *Dawn* is owned and published by a religious society called Bhagavat Chatuspathi, and has a circulation in England and America. It compares very favorably with many of its contemporaries which make greater pretense of merit. The subscription price for America is \$2.00 a year.

The Open Court, a monthly magazine edited by Dr. Paul Carus, 324 Dearborn St., Chicago. \$1.00 a year. The frontispiece of the June number is a portrait of Auguste Comte, the eminent French philosopher, from whom John Stuart Mill, Spencer and George Eliot largely drew their inspiration. "Correspondence on China," by a Chinaman; "The Old and the New Magic," by the editor, and other excellent articles by eminent authors.

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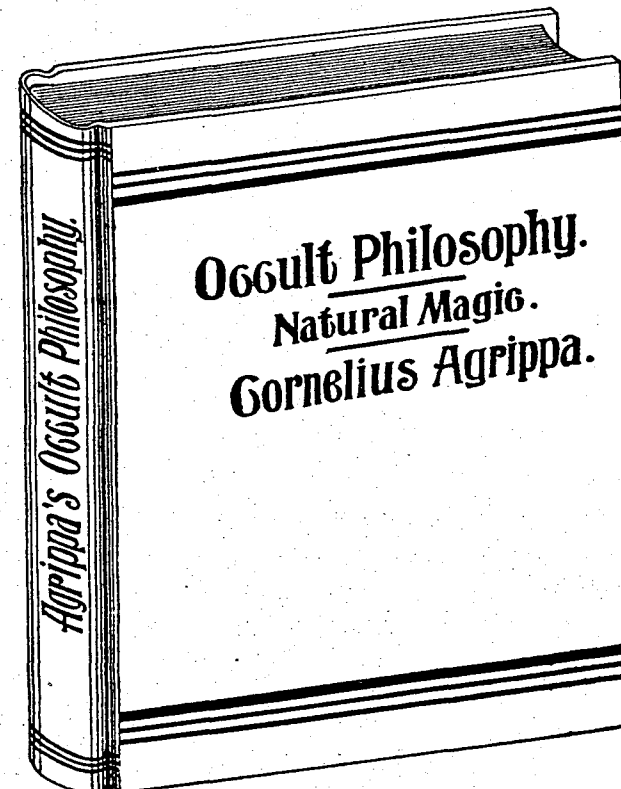
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BY JAMES G. CLARK.

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To fill the wants that mock us here,
And dry the tears from weeping eyes?
Where Winter melts in endless Spring,
And June stands near with deathless flowers,
Where we may hear the dear ones sing,
Who loved us in this world of ours?
I ask, and lo! my cheeks are wet
With tears for one I cannot see.
Oh, mother, art thou living yet,
And dost thou still remember me?

I feel thy kisses on me thrill,
Thou unseen angel of my life;
I hear thy hymns around me trill,
An undertone to care and strife.
Thy tender eyes upon me shine,
As from a being glorified,
'Till I am thine, and thou art mine,
And I forget that thou hast died.
I almost ease each vain regret
In visions of a life to be;
But, mother, art thou living yet,
And dost thou still remember me?

The Springtimes bloom, the Summers fade,
The Winters blow along my way;
But our every light and shade,
Thy memory lives by night and day.
It soothes to sleep my wildest pain,
Like some sweet song that cannot die,
And like the murmur of the main,
Grows deeper when the storm is high.
I know the brightest stars that set
Return to bless the yearning sea;
But, mother, art thou living yet,
And dost thou still remember me?

I sometimes think thy soul comes back,
From o'er the dark and silent stream,
Where last we watched thy shining track
To those green hills of which we dream.
Thy loving arms around me twine,
My cheeks bloom younger in thy breath,
Till thou art mine and I am thine,
Without a thought of pain or death.
And yet at times mine eyes are wet
With tears for her I cannot see.
Oh, mother, art thou living yet,
And dost thou still remember me?

In reciting the above beautiful poem
from memory in my circles, my spirit
caught the rhythm and melody as an
inspiration from the author's mother,
which I will append, trusting that the
poem will be republished in the JOURNAL,
as many have desired a copy of it.

Remember thee, my precious child—
How could a mother e'er forget
Her darling son with eyes so mild,
While on his noble brow was set
The genius of a poet's brain;
And music in his plaintive voice,
So sweet, so tender, was each strain,
It made the mother's heart rejoice;
And backward from the spheres of light,
To lead and guide my precious one,
Through all his concert days and night,
Until his earthly work was done.

And now the fruitage doth appear
In this, our glorious spirit home.
No more my son asks, Is she here?
No more he feels that he's alone,
For hand in hand and heart to heart,
We roam o'er broad elysian fields.
Nothing again our lives will part,
No secrets now the heart conceals;
And wheresoe'er we can impress
In rhythm's verse, or e'en in song,
With our united power we'll bless,
By helping them to o'erthrow wrong.
Mrs. F. A. LOGAN.



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California State Board.

TO THE EDITOR:

As you promised in last week's issue
that a fuller account of the business
transacted on June 16 at the meeting of
the Board of Directors of the California
State Spiritualists' Association would
be given in the next number, I beg to
submit the following as being of interest
to the Spiritualists of California in general,
and especially to the auxiliary and
local societies:

While it is generally known, yet for
the benefit of societies organized in this
State during the year and who contem-
plate becoming members of the State
Association, I desire to call their attention
to the fact that the convention of
1900 will be held in the beautiful city of
San Jose.

In this connection I wish to say that
at the meeting of the Board of Directors
held March 3, a communication from
the officers of the First Spiritual Union
Society of San Jose, ratifying the action
of the convention in selecting their city
for the next meeting of the State Association
and pledging their aid and the
co-operation of the Spiritualists of their
city and vicinity, was received and placed
on file.

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spirit of our "Garden City" friends,
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mittee of Arrangements for the coming
convention from the Spiritualists of that
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blanks and mail them to the secretaries
of the societies entitled to representa-
tion in the convention. Now that the
wheels have been set in motion, I desire
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Local News Summary.

Our Telephone.—Those who may wish to telephone to this office will please call up "Jessie 1769."

The Testimonial Benefit social and dance, in honor of Mrs. R. S. Lillie, took place at Occidental Hall on Friday evening, June 22. The hall was filled to overflowing with an audience eager to manifest their regard for Mr. and Mrs. Lillie. The following was the program: Piano solo, Miss Nettie Ripen; vocal solo, Miss Ophelia Davidson; recitation, Mr. Chas. Anderson; piano solo, Miss Lena Clark; monologue, without words, Jenny Ward Hays; recitation, Mr. Frank Parker; humorous readings, Mrs. Lida Hickok; musical selection, Prof. and Madam Young; fancy dance, Miss Myrle Colby; trio—Misses Alice Severance, Pauline Jenkins and Mrs. Cooke; Prof. Hoover's class in Physical Culture; dancing; fortune-telling by Madam Carmine. Mrs. Dygert presided, and the dance music was furnished by Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell. Altogether, it was a most enjoyable affair.

California Spiritualists will be interested in the letter from Brother W. T. Jones, secretary of the State Association, which may be found on page 6. It relates to important matters in connection with the coming State Convention soon to be held in San Jose. Every Spiritualist should be interested in making the coming convocation a successful effort for the good of the Cause.

Ladies' Aid.—The business meeting of this society last Wednesday afternoon was well attended and full of interest. The regular monthly social and dance has been changed back to the last Friday evening in the month. This arrangement will be permanent in future. The next social will be on Friday evening, June 29, in Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. All welcome.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—Notwithstanding the attractions of a "Ratification Night," the regular meeting for the public, of the Hermetic Brotherhood, held its own in point of numbers. The talk on "Who are Reformers?" showed Dr. Phelon believed that, from the people emanated all real re-formation of permanent good; also that from the bread-winners comes more of the true helping than any other class. The Wednesday afternoon open meeting has been changed to Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Sunday morning meeting still continues at 11 o'clock at 509 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. All are welcome.

A Circle of Harmony will be held in Mrs. F. A. Logan's rooms every Sunday evening at 1218 Railroad Ave., Bay Station, Alameda, Cal.

Benjamin Fay Mills delivered the last of a series of lectures in Metropolitan Temple last Sunday evening, his subject being, "A New Definition of Religion." J. Taylor Rogers presided, and the music was furnished by Prof. Eckman, Mrs. Alice Eckman-Cramer and Mrs. H. L. Stevens. Next Sunday evening Mr. Henry Weinstock will occupy the platform. There will be a vacation during July, and Mr. Mills will begin another three-months' engagement on Aug. 5.

Universal Spiritual Association.—"Who are Strangers?" was the subject for discussion at 20 Eddy St. last Sunday afternoon. The sub-questions were: "Acquaintance," "Associate" and "Enmity." Miss Lee sang "Fleeting Days" and several other good selections.

Mme. Young's Meeting on last Sunday evening in Oriental Hall was addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal on "The Uses of Spiritualism." Good music was furnished by Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell. Mme. Young's test work was of a high order as usual.

Mrs. Gillingham held her last meeting in Pythian Castle last Sunday, and will start in a few days for Russia to join her husband. She was assisted by Mrs. Dunham. Music by Miss Alice Severance.

Mrs. Meyer held her usual meeting last Sunday evening, and was assisted by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Meyer contributed the musical part of the program. These meetings are held in Friendship Hall, 335 McAllister St.

Mrs. Wrenn, at 117 Larkin St., was assisted by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Seeley last Sunday. Mrs. Dunkel presided at the piano.

The Mission Lyceum Association will hold its usual monthly social dance and entertainment in Mission Opera Hall, 2131 Mission St., on Saturday evening, June 30. There will be eight excellent numbers on the program and good dance music.

The Third Annual Encampment of the Veterans' Reunion Association will camp at Santa Cruz, June 25 to July 8. There will be excursion rates, and every convenience for a good time. Dr. H. M. BARKER, *Commander*.

Oakland.—Wednesday night, June 20, the Spiritual Union Society of Oakland met at 85½ Isabella St. as usual. Mr. Ellis of the People's Society opened the meeting by reading the poem, "There is no Death." Wm. Penn Haworth gave a short address on his experiences in Spiritualism, followed by tests given by Miss Hattie Myers and Mrs. Amanda Smith, which were very appropriate and appreciated. Dr. Palmbaum gave a fine discourse on Spiritualism and a number of tests. The audience was reluctant to go, for it was good to be there where the angels were communing with mortals. Dr. A. L. ASTOR, *Sec.*

Alameda.—Our Circle of Harmony was regaled last Sunday evening by Mrs. C. Stewart. She gave to each one astounding tests, and to the writer she said: "You saved my life once, and I saved yours," referring to the time in 1866, in New York City, when a counsel of seven physicians had pronounced her case hopeless; then by a silent, magnetic spiritual power she was restored to consciousness and perfect health with a few treatments, and lived many years to pursue her avocation as teacher of elocution. Now she assures me that she saved me from having a broken neck when falling down a long flight of stairs 18 years ago, and will gratefully make conditions as favorable as possible while I am on earth for my entrance to the glorious Home.

Every one in the room received tests from this medium, who is destined to do a great good. Mrs. F. A. LOGAN.
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Mrs. Lois Waisbrooker on Monday of last week was blown down in a severe wind-storm, sustaining an injury to her shoulder. Dr. Carpenter is attending her and hopes for a cure in a few weeks.

Camp.—The Southern California Camp-Meeting Association is pushing the camp work, and all things seem promising for a very successful meeting during the month of September. Sycamore Grove has again been secured and a number of good mediums have been engaged. Allen Franklin Brown, a well-known lecturer and organizer, is in Los Angeles, and arrangements will be made to have him make a tour of Southern California and deliver a series of lectures in the interests of the camp-meeting. We wish those who desire him to visit their locality to correspond with the secretary at once, that we may arrange his itinerary. Address, for information as to the camp, ELTON T. BROWN, *Sec.*
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